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Kremlin power race seen underway

NEW YORK, April 4 (AP) — True or not, the unconfirmed reports from Moscow about Leonid Brezhnev's poor health and his "wayward" relatives means only one thing — a struggle for power in the Kremlin is underway, say American experts on Soviet affairs.

Some suggest the fight may pit Yuri Andropov, head of Soviet secret police, against Brezhnev's right-hand man Konstantin Chernenko, who has taken on the look of a leader in recent weeks. No matter who comes out on top in any Kremlin maneuvering, it is not likely to alter U.S.-Soviet relations immediately, these analysts say. "This would be same type of leadership... They would have to consolidate their positions before major policy changes," one American analyst told a reporter.

Unconfirmed reports last week quoted Soviet sources as saying the 75-year old Soviet president has been hospitalized, either for exhaustion or after a stroke. It was also reported he had a mild heart attack in February. The Soviet leader has suffered a variety of ailments. An early report from Moscow sought to link Brezhnev's daughter, Valina, indirectly involved in a financial scandal. These rumors hinted that Brezhnev's deputy foreign minister might be in political trouble.

At the same time, reports surfaced that politburo member Andrei Kirilenko, once regarded as likely successor to Brezhnev as Communist Party general secretary, was ill. He was dropped from public view in recent weeks.

A U.S. official who keeps a close touch on events in the Soviet Union said about the reported illness of the Soviet president: "This means the succession struggle is on. Even if Brezhnev is not seriously ill, his accumulated ailments and fatigue may indicate it."

Some American experts say since the death in January of ideologist Mikhail Suslov, a bulwark of the Moscow's ruling 14-man politburo, Chernenko has taken a more visible and prominent role in the Kremlin leadership. But a factor against him is that his long association with Brezhnev kept him from establishing an independent power base of his own.

Chernenko's chief politburo rival, Andrei Kirilenko, 76, is reported by reliable Soviet sources to be serious to return to his job in the Soviet heavy industry. He has not been seen publicly since the rumor of falling health of Brezhnev.

Contesting Chernenko's power are KGB Chief Andropov, 67, and the army general, forming behind Defense Minister Dmitri Ustinov and Chief of Staff Nikolai Ogarkov, 64, according to a Soviet source who has reliably interpreted Kremlin policies in the past. Both Andropov and Ustinov sit with Chernenko in the politburo. Sources close to politburo also indicated that in some cases Chernenko's foes — Andropov and Ustinov

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Pakistan denies U.S. troop offer

ISLAMABAD, April 4 (AFP) — Foreign Minister Shahabzada Yaqub Khan Sunday denied that the United States has offered to send troops to Pakistan in the event of a threat from outside.

In his first press conference since assuming office, Yaqub Khan referred to a speech made Saturday by President Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq, who said Pakistan has rejected a U.S. offer to deploy forces in Pakistan.

The Americans, President Zia said, had "hinted at stationing their forces and sought storage facilities for arms and ammunition for emergency use." Yaqub Khan said that no U.S. government representative had formulated such an offer. The theory had been put forward by other persons received by President Zia, he added.

President Zia also said that the question of deploying foreign forces would come "only after every Pakistani has sacrificed his life."

7 Israelis hurt in Gaza bomb attack

TEL AVIV, April 4 (Agencies) — In the second hand grenade attack in the occupied Gaza Strip in 10 days, Arabs threw a grenade at an Israeli vehicle Sunday and wounded seven Israelis, the military said.

A spokesman said two of the passengers, including a woman soldier, suffered moderate to serious wounds. The other five, all civilians, were slightly wounded and discharged from hospital after treatment in the nearby Israeli town of Ashkelon.

Security forces arrested several Arabs in Gaza city's busy main square, where the attack occurred. On March 25, an Israeli soldier was killed and three wounded when two Arabs ambushed their vehicle at the northern entrance to Gaza. One grenade smashed the windshield of their vehicle and exploded in the back seat, and a second grenade bounced off and wounded three Arabs in a passing car. The attackers escaped into a nearby orange grove.

An official at Ashkelon Hospital said five Arabs also were admitted for treatment of wounds suffered in Sunday's attack.

In the occupied West Bank, meanwhile, a small explosive charge was discovered in the Maale Adumim settlement, six kms east of Jerusalem, the state radio reported. The 150-gram device was safely dismantled by a police explosives expert, the radio said.

Meanwhile, as Israel Sunday claimed calm had returned to the Golan Heights and decided to lift its military blockade of four Druze villages there, the Druze general strike in the Golan continued into its eighth week. The Israeli cabinet moved at its weekly meeting Sunday to lift the six-week-old blockade as of Monday, after Defense Minister Ariel Sharon reported the Golan was calm.

The state and army radio stations Sunday claimed more than 4,000 civilian identity cards had been given out in the "forced distribution" operation begun Thursday to those over 16 years of age in the Heights, annexed by Israel in December. But "in many cases, these cards were thrown away by their bearers or ripped up," the reports said.

Gen. Amir Drori, commander-in-chief of the northern sector of the Golan, told radio reporters: "If someone does not want such a card, he can do with it what he wants." The journalists said that while Druzes carrying the documents were henceforth free to circulate freely throughout Israel and to go to work, those without their identity cards would not be authorized to leave their villages nor to use public services or banking institutions.

Sizable detachments of police moved in to replace military units in the Golan, the journalists said.

'No right to interfere'

Iran spurns U.S. peace call

BEIRUT, April 4 (Agencies) — Iran's foreign minister Sunday rejected a United States call for urgent international efforts to end the Iran-Iraq war.

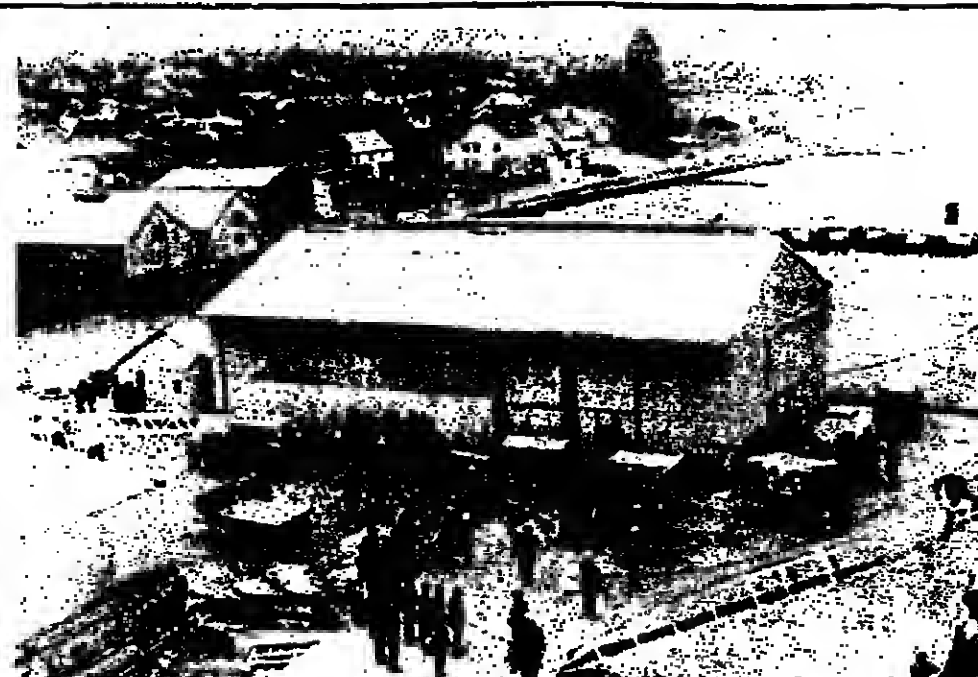
"The United States has no right to interfere in the affairs of the Middle East, since it is thousands of miles away," Ali Akbar Velayati stated in an interview broadcast by Tehran radio.

The United States has become increasingly concerned about Iran's latest victories against Iraq in the war and feels it may eventually alter the political balance in the region. Reflecting this concern, U.S. State Department spokesman Dean Fischer declared earlier this week, "the international community should be sensitive to and supportive of opportunities to promote an urgent settlement."

Commenting on this statement, Velayati added that, "first the United States tried to make relations between Iran and other Middle Eastern countries bitter, now it is trying to patch things up so that it can maintain its influence and interests in the area."

Velayati spoke to Tehran radio in an airport departure statement as he was leaving Tehran to fly to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and then to Kuwait to attend the nonaligned group of nations foreign ministers' meeting there.

During his stopover in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates leader Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan had talks here Sun-



TROOPS GATHER: An aerial view shows the Argentine troops and equipment on a dock at a coastal area on the Falkland Islands' main town of Port Stanley.

OPEC chief hints at talks if oil firms fail to relent

ABU DHABI, April 4 (Agencies) — OPEC President Mana Saeed Oteiba has said he would call for an emergency meeting of the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) if the international oil companies persisted in pressuring certain members to reduce their official prices. (Related story page 11)

Oteiba, who is also United Arab Emirates (UAE) minister of petroleum and mineral resources, was commenting on recent press reports that the OPEC might hold an emergency meeting Monday to discuss what action it should take against the companies which have stopped lifting from Nigeria. He said there was no time limit for holding such a conference. "I will call for such a meeting any time we find necessary, without confining ourselves to a time limit, whether it be after a week or days," he told reporters Sunday.

However, Oteiba said OPEC's four-nation monitoring committee, which was formed at the Vienna emergency meeting March 19 under his chairmanship, would hold a meeting "before the end of this month" to discuss possible future developments in oil supplies. Asked to confirm reports that some multi-national oil companies were considering a halt on their desistings to start rebuilding their strategic reserves after they reached low records, Oteiba said only that "this would be part of our discussions." The committee also comprises the oil ministers of Venezuela, Indonesia and Algeria.

He stressed that the 13 OPEC member-states were "committed" to defending

Nigeria against the pressures of the multinationals to reduce its prices, which have pushed down its production quota to a record low of about 630,000 barrels per day from 1.8 million barrels earlier this year. "OPEC has the reasons and means that would enable it give Nigeria its quota (of 1.3 million b/d) according to our Vienna agreement, and also to defend our base price of \$34 a barrel", Oteiba said.

The oil ministers have agreed to set a production ceiling not exceeding 17.5 million barrels per day for their 13 countries for the months of April and May, down from their previous level of 19 million barrels per day, in order to absorb the world oil glut and defend their pricing structure.

Oteiba confirmed that "all OPEC members" were abiding by the agreement and that current production was less than 17.5 million b/d. Referring to press reports that prices at the spot market have increased slightly during the week by about \$1.5 a barrel, he said, "This was normal after OPEC's decision."

"We believe that the market will take a more normal shape during the coming weeks, with a trend toward a more balanced supply and demand structure," he added.

Oteiba was also critical of the international oil companies for moving to pressure a relatively small producer like Ecuador to reduce its oil prices. "These companies are playing a negative role in fighting OPEC and

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Argentina rejects U.N. motion

BUENOS AIRES, April 4 (R) — Argentina Sunday rejected a United Nations resolution calling for its withdrawal from the British colony of the Falkland (Malvinas) Islands, seized in a major Argentine seaborne invasion on Friday. It also warned that it would fight any British attempt to regain control of the islands.

President Leopoldo Galtieri told reporters: "Argentina is not willing to renounce its historical rights over the islands and withdraw from what is hers the armed forces who are and represent the people of our nation."

The government said it was suspending the transfer of all Argentine or foreign currency funds to Britain. The move was in retaliation for the freezing of Argentine assets in Britain announced in London Saturday.

Reacting to Saturday's Security Council resolution which called for the immediate withdrawal of all Argentine military forces from the Falklands, President Galtieri said: "Argentina will maintain its freedom of action to protect the nation's interests and honor, which will not be negotiated." In his announcement of the economic sanctions Saturday night, Economy Minister Roberto Alemann said Argentina might take other countermeasures once the effects of Britain's

Gibraltar talks

slated April 20

ALGECIRAS, Spain, April 4 (AFP) — Argentina's dispute with Britain over the Falkland Islands and Spain's claim to the British colony of Gibraltar were "different and distant" and conclusions should not be drawn "from one to the other", Spanish Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo said here.

The Spanish press has drawn parallels between the two situations, while admitting that the Gibraltar problem was more complex. The centrist *Diario 16* headlined this weekend: "Argentina recovers its Gibraltar."

Spain had chosen to negotiate to settle its differences with Britain over Gibraltar, which has been under the British crown since 1713. Sotelo said Saturday during campaigning in southern Spain. "This path (negotiations) leads to the recovery of Gibraltar by Spain and we will not have long to wait," Sotelo said.

Officials of the two countries will resume talks April 20 at Sintra, Portugal, the day when the fence separating the rock from Spain will be re-opened ending 14 years of blockade by Spain.

U.K. vows to fight for the Falklands

LONDON, April 4 (AFP) — British Defense Secretary John Nott affirmed Sunday that Britain would restore its administration to the Falkland Islands, "even if we have to fight."

Asked during an interview with Independent Television News whether he would give the order to sink Argentine warships, Nott replied: "If necessary, yes, no hesitation whatsoever." He added: "We are still seeking a diplomatic solution, because we want to restore our sovereignty by peaceful means. That is our overriding objective. 'But if we cannot do so and we have to fight, we will.'"

Nott told ITN that the 22 British marines posted on South Georgia Island, the easternmost of the Falklands, had "destroyed a large Argentine assault helicopter" and "considerably damaged an Argentinean Corvette." He said there had been "casualties, if not deaths, on the Argentinean side" during the invasion of South Georgia.

As for British forces, he said, "The marines have now been overwhelmed," but "there have been no reports of casualties on our side." The Argentine assault helicopter was destroyed "with hand held anti-tank missiles," the defense minister said. "A diplomatic solution does not look likely at the moment," Nott added, stressing that he had no intention of resigning despite sharp criticism of his handling of the Falkland crisis during Saturday's emergency debate at the Commons.

On the question of an official declaration of war, Nott said: "To declare war or not is a matter which will have to be very carefully considered. For the moment (United Nations Charter) Article 51 is more than sufficient for our needs." Britain, he said, does not want to "destroy human lives."

"But," he added, "we must retain our rights to protect our own British subjects, when they are invaded by an aggressor who has been condemned by the United Nations." Under Article 51, he said, it was quite clear that "we are entitled to fight and defend our own territory." "It is what we are in the last resort prepared to do," he said. "We are putting ourselves in a position to do just that and to win."

Meanwhile, 40 ships of the British Royal Navy were Sunday preparing to set sail from Gibraltar and Portsmouth Monday for the South Atlantic with more than 1,000 marines. The task force represents nearly two-thirds of the British fleet and it is the biggest British naval fleet to set sail for a possible battle in 25 years.

The aircraft carrier *Invincible* will be the first to leave from Portsmouth with the queen's second son Prince Andrew who is a

helicopter pilot on the ship. According to informed sources, the ships due to sail from Gibraltar are to join up with the rest of the force at Ascension Island in mid-Atlantic. Hercules aircraft are already ferrying ammunition, fuel and food supplies to Ascension, the sources said. Nott has said it would take the task force two weeks to reach the Falklands. Orders concerning the mission of the task force have not been revealed.

According to a *Sunday Times* journalist expelled from the Falklands capital Port Stanley Sunday Argentina is making military preparations to resist any British attempt to recapture Falkland Islands.

Simon Winchester, flown to a southern Argentine base with three other British journalists, said on the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) that "Hercules transport planes were flying radar equipment to the islands, some 800 kms off the Argentine coast."

The correspondent said that a ship named *Cabo San Antonio* had landed "dozens" of amphibian armed vehicles in Port Stanley, and that Argentine troops had blocked roads out of the capital. He said that islanders had been prevented from sending telegrams, but had received messages from relatives in Britain.

Winchester said that the islanders were scared at the possibility of a British attack, and many attempted to leave the capital for the countryside Saturday to avoid possible fighting. He confirmed that no islanders were injured in the Argentine takeover.

The conservative *Sunday Telegraph*, on the other hand, warned of the formidable logistical problems of operating 7,000 miles from Britain and said the "fiasco of the islands' loss must not be compounded by disaster."

The *Sunday Times* said the government should not ignore national sentiment, but cautioned that it faced hard decisions. "Sinking the Argentine navy, bombarding Buenos Aires, are fantasies. Blockading the islands, putting a commando force ashore to regain their possession are on the other hand both

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Naval experts have doubts

WASHINGTON, April 4 (AFP) — British naval forces can neither make a major invasion nor blockade of the Falkland Islands, naval experts said in Sunday's edition of *The Washington Post*.

"The British have lost their ability to conduct independent action" since their navy is organized for specific NATO tasks, said a retired U.S. admiral, formerly responsible for North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) strategy, and whose name was not given.

The British would need air support to invade the Falkland Islands, taken over by Argentinean forces Friday the admiral said. Other experts cited by *The Post* said that because of this, any military confrontation between Argentina and Britain could take place in pinpoint actions rather than a widespread attack.

Another unnamed admiral said forces could be landed on a distant beach to provide Britain with a base for future negotiations. Britain would not be able to blockade the islands since it does not have enough forces which can be mobilized for sufficient length of time, experts said.

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Thais to hold grand spectacle today

BANGKOK, April 4 (AFP) — A million Thais and tourists are expected here Monday on the banks of the Menam to watch a sumptuous historical recreation of a great spectacle — the procession of ancient royal barges of the Kingdom of Siam. Covered with gold and propelled by 2,000 rowers in traditional Siamese clothes, 51 barges will cross a Bangkok resounding to the rhythm of gongs and ancient chants.

In the middle of the cortege will be the gilded boat of King Bhumipol Adulyadej, 45 meters long, weighing 15 tons and drawn by 74 rowers. The boat was sculpted in an enormous shaft of teak wood, and the prow presents the silhouette of a mythical swan, whose head rises five meters over the water.

This spectacle, on the river which feeds the rich rice-growing plain in central Thailand before entering Bangkok, has not been

organized for 15 years. It will be one of the grand moments of Thailand's national festival of feasting, pagentry, dancing and merry-making that celebrates the bicentennial of the founding of the Chakri Dynasty and the proclamation of Bangkok as royal capital in April, 1782.

Eight million dollars, mostly from private and foreign donations, have been spent in restoring the architectural splendors of the capital, while the bicentennial has a \$15 million budget, again mostly from private and foreign sources.

The accent for the festivities, held mainly in April, is on Thailand's cultural heritage and identity, especially faced with the challenge of growing Western influence.

Special security measures have been taken. Police Saturday arrested 14 youths suspected of belonging to a separatist organization.

In Jeddah

Taxi meter fitting begins

By Maher Abbas
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, April 4 — Fare meter installation for Jeddah's taxis began Saturday, according to officials of the Traffic Department. The estimated 5,000 taxis operating in the city will have meters installed within six months, with those which have mounted the fare meters using them immediately.

Maj. Ali Al-Barr, Jeddah traffic assistant director, told Arab News Sunday that installation is being carried out by a company, Marwan Establishment, under contract, with the traffic department. Two sites have been determined for the installation, off Sabreen Street and Kilo 7, Makkah Road.

Saudi Arabia, China to boost health ties

JEDDAH, April 4 (CNA) — Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazairi and Dr. T.C. Hsu, director-general of the Chinese health department, signed here Saturday a memorandum in which they pledge to further strengthen health cooperation between the two countries.

The memorandum provides for measures to be taken to encourage Chinese specialists and doctors to come to work here, and to encourage Chinese medical professors to visit the Kingdom to help with sophisticated jobs and to train Saudi doctors.

Hsu concluded his five-day visit to the Kingdom and left here early Sunday. The Chinese health official expressed satisfaction at Sino-Saudi health cooperation and pledged his government's readiness to cooperate with the Kingdom.

position, it will mark SR5 and will remain so for the first two kilometers. After that, every additional kilometer will cost SR1.25. Waiting price is SR0.5 per minute, Barr said. The prices were decided by a special committee comprising representatives of the interior and communications ministries as well as the transportation department. They are valid for a year, following which everything will be reassessed in the light of the actual practice.

However, taxis operating between the city and King Abdul Aziz International Airport will have a special tariff: Barr said, yet to be finalized. Also, cabs operating between Jeddah and Makkah will be governed by a different tariff system. The fare will be on passenger basis rather than the travel distance as it is a long trip. Each passenger will be charged SR10, Barr said.

Taxi drivers are notified through leaflets distributed in the streets and the traffic department's branches, he said. Cabbies are asked to contact the company authorized with the installation. There, they get an appointment on which the meters will be fitted in.

For years, the residents of this metropolitan port city have been going through bitter experiences every time they tried to travel by cab. First they had to bargain for the trip, short or long. Some taxi drivers imposed exorbitant prices. A trip to anywhere would cost no less than SR10. To the airport, the opening price for bargaining would start with at least SR50. But the most annoying aspect of this exercise was uncertainty, especially for visitors coming for the first time.

The first step taken by the government to control the situation was the licensing of the Saudi Limousine service between the airport and various parts of Jeddah at fixed prices.

Iqama seekers should undergo medical checkup

RIYADH, April 4 — A medical checkup has been made compulsory for anyone seeking an Iqama (residence permit).

Al-Riyadh said Sunday that the overall medical examination also will be required from those applying for a renewal of their Iqamas. No such a permit will be granted to any foreigners suffering from a dangerous disease that might be transmitted to others. An agreement to this effect was reached between the Health Ministry and the Interior Ministry.

The checkup will have to bear the stamp of a recognized medical authority endorsing the full responsibility of its testimony. Offenders will be penalized. The new regulations are already implemented in the Kingdom's various provinces after meetings were held between respective health authorities and passport directors to work out the modalities of such a procedure. Reports from all university hospitals in Saudi Arabia will be accepted to make things easy for the foreigners.

However, the newspaper stated that Riyadh's Passports Department has postponed the implementation of the new measures pending more thorough preparations and recruitment of adequate staff.

Jeddah exhibition opens in Dammam

DAMMAM, April 4 (SPA) — Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Saeed Farsi opened Saturday an exhibition about Jeddah organized by the Eastern Province's King Faisal University. The exhibition is held at the university's Dammam branch.

The opening ceremony was attended by Dr. Muhammad Turki Al-Turki, acting rector of KFU, the university's secretary general, professors and students. Those interested in the architecture movement in the province also were present.

Farsi and Dr. Turki toured the exhibition's divisions which contain drawings and architectural models featuring the development of architecture and city planning in Jeddah. The five-day event also demonstrates Jeddah Municipality's projects.

Madaen Saleh tours end

JEDDAH, April 4 — Fifteen guided tours have been concluded to the historic Madaen Saleh area last week. Each one of the tours, organized by the Jeddah Sheraton, comprised of 40 foreign tourists.

According to hotel sources, Sunday, 15 more tours are planned but the schedule is yet to be determined. Madaen Saleh, near Madinah, is one of the richest historical sites to the Kingdom.

Riyadh Islamic book fair proves successful

By Javid Hassan
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, April 4 — The second international Islamic Book Fair organized by the Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University is a spectacular success, judged by sales figures and turnout of visitors. Around 10,000 people are said to be visiting the fair daily, pushing up the average sales more than to SR300,000 a day.

A rich collection of books ranging from Islamic studies to humanities and related subjects would explain the success of the 10-day fair which started March 29. Speaking on the upsurge of interest in the Quran, S. Rebello, manager of Allied Publishers Pvt. Ltd., a leading publishing house of India and one of the participants in the fair, told Arab News Sunday that a Beirut party had ordered 1,000 sets of the "Holy Quran" by Abdullah Yusuf

Ali, while a similar order from the same place was placed for the "Glorious Quran" by Marmaduke Pickthall.

An Islamic center in the U.K., according to Rebello, wants five copies of all books on Islamic literature published in India and 10 copies each of all edition of the Quran published there. Seventy five percent of the books in his counter have been sold out, says Rebello.

Entries from India represent a section of the international collection drawn from various countries, including Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Kuwait, and Bahrain for the Arabic section.

The English section also has entries for the U.S., the U.K., and Pakistan. There are about 300 publishers pooling together nearly 20,000 titles in Arabic and 2,000 in non-Arabic-English, Hindi and Urdu. A random survey of the English books reveals a large

array of subjects ranging from such esoteric pursuits as Sufism to books on Quran, Hadith (Prophetic Sayings), Islamic history, economics, social and cultural life, including an Islamic food regime. The children section offers an interesting fare, supplied mostly by the Islamic Foundation of the U.K. On show are books like Muslim crossword puzzle, Islam for Younger People, Muslim Nursery Rhymes and "Love all creatures", a booklet containing didactic stories from the life of the Prophet. There is also an Islamic world map, Islam cook book and Muslim world coloring book, besides cassettes containing "Qur'anic recordings".

"Unlike in other countries, the children here are avid readers of books. They have been purchasing bagfuls of them," says Rebello.

Tunis show organized

JEDDAH, April 4 (SPA) — The King Abdul Aziz University will organize Wednesday a Tunisian book exhibition in cooperation with the country's embassy here.

During the week-long exhibition, which will display books and other publications, Dr. Azouz Al-Rubate, director of the Tunisian publishing house, will deliver a lecture on the problems of the Arab book. The university has reserved Thursday for women to visit the exhibition.

'Sports for all' program concluded

MAKKAH, April 4 (SPA) — Makkah's Youth Welfare Office held Saturday night the closing ceremony of its program called "sports for all." Makkah Governorate Undersecretary Sheikh Hamad Al-Shawi officiated at the ceremony for Prince Majed, the governor. More than 513 youths and more than 22 establishments and firms participated in the program. The ceremony

included a football match, karate demonstration and other events.

Sheikh Hamad distributed prizes and certificates to those who earned honors. Makkah's Intermediate College obtained the first prize in football. The second went to the Saudi Contractors and the third to Murad Printshop. The Saudi Contractors also won the first prize in table tennis.

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Iraq made no request for military aid -- Sultan

RIYADH, April 4 (SPA) — Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan denied Sunday that Iraq has requested "anything like military aid."

Speaking about his recent visit to Iraq, Prince Sultan said that there are continuous contacts between King Khalid and his government and "brothers in Iraq to get to know the situation there."

The minister made the statement after a meeting of the Manpower Council which he chaired. "As it appears from these contacts as well as from statements of Iraqi officials, Iraq's inclination is toward peace and good-neighborliness and it has no ambitions in Iranian territories," Prince Sultan said.

Khaled greets Diouf

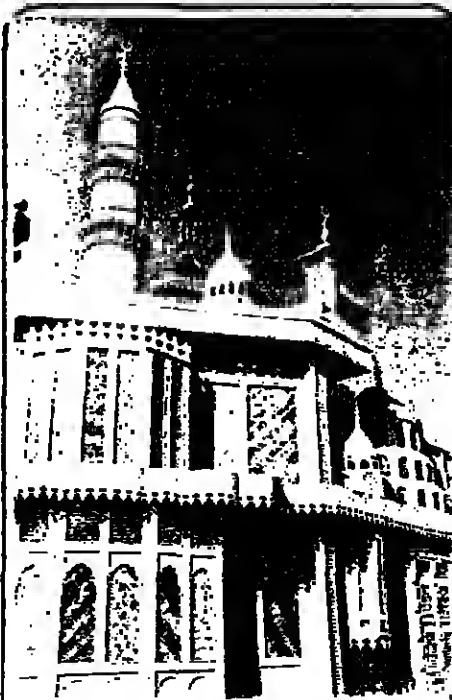
RIYADH, April 4 (SPA) — King Khalid cabled Sunday congratulations to President Abdou Diouf of Senegal on the national day of his country.

In his message, the monarch expressed his fraternal best wishes for the Senegalese president and welfare and prosperity for the people of Senegal.

He expressed the hope that Iran would respond to this trend, so that a rapprochement can be brought about between the two Muslim neighbors.

Dealing with the manpower council's meeting, Prince Sultan stated that in accordance with the directives of the King and the crown prince, the council focuses on the local manpower and sees that alien manpower ought to be condensed as much as possible, but without affecting the states' projects and those of the private sector.

The meeting was attended by Prince Naif, minister of the interior; Prince Saud Al-Faisal, minister of foreign affairs; Prince Turki Al-Faisal; Sheikh Hassan Al-Sheikh, minister of higher education; Sheikh Hisham Nazer, minister of planning; Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwaiter, minister of education; Sheikh Turki Al-Sudairi, president of the civil service board; Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Tuwaijri, assistant commander of the National Guard; Dr. Abdul Wahhab Attar, governor of the general organization for technical and vocational education; and Dr. Hussein Mansour, council's secretary general.



(Photo by Giovanni Pasquale)
ISLAMIC ARCHITECTURE: Along the lines of a general trend toward Islamic architecture in new constructional designs this fabulous palace is being finished presently. A private residence, the structure boasts the beauty of several types of minarets and domes.

Agricultural projects okayed; exhibit set

RIYADH, April 4 (SPA) — Minister of Agriculture and Water Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh issued Sunday license for the establishment of five agricultural and animal

busbandry projects worth over SR24.58 million.

Under the license, a project is to be set up in Abha for the production of 14.25 million eggs annually at a cost of SR9.33 million. Another project will be set up in the Eastern Province for the breeding of 528,000 chickens annually at a cost of over SR4.87 million. A sheep breeding project will be established in Qasim with an annual productive capacity of 15,000 head of sheep. It will cost SR4.1 million.

A similar project is to be set up in Al-Ghat with an annual productive capacity of 500 head of cattle at a cost of SR3.1 million. The last project relates to the production of vegetables in greenhouses in Yanbu. The SR3.96 million project is expected to produce 410,000 kgs of vegetables annually.

The minister granted the license after

ensuring the economic feasibility of the projects, which will be undertaken by the private sector with financing from the Agriculture Bank.

In another development, Saudi Agriculture '82, the first international agricultural exhibition opens in Riyadh April 24 with more than 400 companies from 22 countries demonstrating a wide range of products and services.

According to the organizers, Al-Dhifa Exhibition Center, Sunday the agricultural, irrigation and agro-industrial show will be opened by Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, agriculture and water minister. Countries represented include Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, West Germany, France, Italy, Holland, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Palestinians to brief King on situation

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, April 4 — Deputy Riyadh Governor Prince Sattam received Sunday three Palestinian leaders at his office here, the official Saudi Press Agency reported.

The three: Fahd Qawasmeh, mayor of Al-Khalil; Muhammad Milhem, mayor of Halhoul; and Sheikh Rajab Al-Tamimi, grand mufti of Al-Khalil; arrived here Saturday night at the invitation of King Khalid to brief him personally on conditions of Arab territories occupied by Israel since the 1967 war, according to Al-Riyadh newspaper Sunday.

The paper said the delegation also plans to confer with Habib Chatti, secretary general

of the organization of the Islamic conference, to remind him of their plight and seek a resolution in their favor at the forthcoming 13th Islamic foreign ministers' conference in Niamey, Niger, which will open June 6.

In an arrival statement, Sheikh Tamimi said he and his colleagues will hold talks with King Khalid on supporting the Palestinian people in the occupied Arab territories. "Our people are facing now the worst types of oppression, terrorism and inhuman practices. They are in need of more and more measures to foster their steadfastness before such an occupation," he said.

He asked for support to the Palestinian people living under the occupation and to the

Palestine Liberation Organization and the Palestinian resistance. He affirmed that Arab-Islamic solidarity will greatly boost Palestinians' morale at home and abroad.

Qawasmeh called for unity of rank and a drive according to a comprehensive and integrated plan to free the holy land. He stressed that jihad (holy struggle) means the mustering of military and material potentials and meant sacrifice to liberate "Muslims' first Qibla" (Al-Aqsa mosque to which all Muslims throughout the world turned their face when praying, before Makkah). Such a struggle, he said, is the responsibility of all Arabs and Muslims. "It is our responsibility before God, history and religion," he concluded.

Yamani praises Gulf news agency

RIYADH, April 4 (SPA) — Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani expressed Sunday appreciation for the intensive efforts made by the Gulf News Agency (GNA) over the last four years of its establishment in the service of the Arab Gulf states.

The minister paid tribute to what he termed GNA's wise administration and said that the agency's positive contribution to the

information field had gained it a prominent position among news agencies in the region as well as on the world level.

He added that GNA had succeeded in carrying the new cultured picture of the Gulf to the outside world at a time when the region was resisting all attempts to distort this picture or tamper with its future. Yamani also commended efforts exerted by Bahrain Information Minister Tariq Al-Muayed, who heads GNA, and the agency's director-general Nabil Yaacoub Al-Humour.

He said they had been trying hard to develop GNA and provide it with all modern equipment to carry out its "noble mission in the field of information." The Minister expressed support for plans to use an international transmission network and affirmed that such projects would help ensure success for the agency's operations.

KFU senate holds session

RIYADH, April 4 (SPA) — The Eastern Province's King Faisal University senate met here Sunday night under Higher Education Minister Sheikh Abdullah Al-Sheikh.

According to Dr. Muhammad Turki Al-Turki, the senate approved the fourth part of the 1982-83 budget for the university for permanent projects in Ahsa and Dammam. Discussions also covered allocations and financial allowances to lecturers studying on scholarships at Saudi Arabian universities higher studies divisions.

The meeting was attended by Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani, University of Petroleum and Minerals Rector Dr. Bakr Abdullah Bakr, KFU and UPM undersecretaries and deans. The senate also discussed a number of administrative and educational issues related to the university.

Miteb, British minister confer

RIYADH, April 4 (SPA) — Prince Miteb, minister of public works and housing, Sunday met with John Stanley, British minister for construction, now on a visit to the Kingdom.

Prince Miteb later stated that the two sides discussed bilateral ties and the extent to which the British companies could cooperate in the Kingdom's development projects. He added that consortium will be formed to boost the activities of British companies working in Saudi Arabia.

The British minister had arrived in Jeddah last Friday on a five-day visit to the Kingdom.

The meeting was attended by Ibrahim Al-Rashed, housing undersecretary and Majed Yamani, assistant undersecretary for technical affairs.

Prayer Times

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Chatti says U.S. veto embarrasses Arabs

KUWAIT, April 4 (R)—The secretary general of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) Habib Chatti said Sunday that United States support for Israel at the United Nations has hurt the Arab states and embarrassed those close to Washington.

He said U.S. policies were turning the Arab-Israeli dispute into an Arab-U.S. dispute. Chatti, in Kuwait for the nonaligned foreign ministers' meeting, was commenting on the U.S. veto on a U.N. Security Council resolution denouncing Israeli actions in occupied Arab territories.

In an interview with Reuters, Chatti said the U.S. veto was surprising. It makes it more difficult for the leaders of the Arab states to

check a growing feeling in the Arab world that the United States is hostile to Arabs.

Chatti said he was surprised the United States should ignore the particular situation of the Arab states close to it and the consequences of its policies while approving what he called the crimes of the Israeli government. The Security Council veto followed a wave of bloody violence in the West Bank and Gaza after Israel dismissed the mayors of three West Bank towns.

Chatti said he had expected the United States at worst to abstain on the Jordanian resolution. He said the U.S. veto would facilitate the task of those who denounced the United States as an unconditional ally of Israel.

9 states to boycott OAU panel talks

SALISBURY, April 4 (R)—A simmering dispute over Western Sahara threatens yet another Organization of African Unity (OAU) meeting, opening in Zimbabwe Monday.

Nine nations say they are prepared to boycott a ministerial conference of the OAU Labor Commission due to be opened by Zimbabwe's Prime Minister Robert Mugabe.

The countries — Morocco, Somalia, Ivory Coast, Senegal, Mauritius, Tunisia, Liberia, Zaire and the Central African Republic —

object to the admission to the OAU of the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) proclaimed by the Polisario Front. The front has been fighting Moroccan rule in Western Sahara for six years.

SADR Information and Labor Minister Muhammad Alem Ould Salek has accused the United States of using the nine to destroy unity in Africa. The nine, which say the SADR cannot be an OAU member because it is not a sovereign state, last week walked out from a series of technical meetings here designed to prepare for the ministerial talks.

PLO denies role in slaying of Israeli aide

BEIRUT, April 4 (AP)—The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) has declared it had nothing to do with the Paris assassination Saturday of the second secretary of the Israeli Embassy in France, Ya'acov Barsimantov.

"We know nothing about this attack nor the organization that has claimed it. Consequently, we had nothing to do with it," said a terse statement issued by the PLO's headquarters here. The statement did not identify the group that has reportedly claimed responsibility for Barsimantov's assassination by a young woman.

But a PLO source, who asked not to be identified, said the PLO had information that an unnamed Western news agency's office in Paris received a responsibility claim by telephone on behalf of "the Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Brigades."

This group had also claimed responsibility for machine-gunning the facade of the office of the Israeli military attaché to Paris three days ago as well as for the fatal shooting of a U.S. military attaché in the French capital last Jan. 18.

The PLO disclaimer followed a charge by the Israeli ambassador to France, Neir Rosenn, that the PLO was responsible for Barsimantov's assassination.

'Turkey in transition period'

Evren lashes out at critics

ANKARA, April 4 (AP)—Turkey's head of state, Gen. Kenan Evren, has defied foreign and domestic critics of his rule saying Turkey was going through a transition period and would react strongly against any interference in its affairs.

In a major policy speech Saturday, delivered in an open-air rally in the western Turkish city of Bursa, Evren said: "I want to say to those who claim democracy does not exist in Turkey today that this is a military administration, and a transitional period." Evren added that they had announced a timetable for a return to democracy and would stick to it. But, "until then, no one must forget the existence of military rule."

When necessary, and if we are forced to, we are determined to take any measures," he told a crowd of 20,000.

In an obvious reference to Ecevit, Evren said a former party chief, using his contacts in Europe, was slandering the present rulers of Turkey, saying democracy did not exist in Turkey now and was unlikely to return.

He said "any sweet dreams" by former political leaders that they would one day return to rule Turkey should be given up. "This nation has finally got rid of them and does not want them back. If they do not find this reminder sufficient, they must know that we will not hesitate to take the severest measures necessary," Evren told the crowd.

BRIEFS

TEHRAN, (AFP)—Six leading members of the underground leftwing opposition Mujahedeen Khalq organization, including a woman, were killed Saturday in a clash with revolutionary guards, it was announced Sunday. The dead included Massud Izadkhak Kermani, a bodyguard of Massud Rajavi, leader of the organization who now lives in exile in Paris, and Asghar Faghghi, the organization's security chief.

DACCA, (R)—A special tribunal was set up in Bangladesh Saturday to try offences under martial law, it was officially announced.

TEHRAN, (AFP)—Public prosecutor Hojatoleslam Rabani Amlashi said Saturday

that 15,000 prisoners are to benefit from an amnesty called by Ayatollah Khomeini.

CAIRO, (R)—Egypt's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Boutros Ghali called in an interview with *October* magazine for an Arab-Israeli dialogue after Sinai was returned to Egypt later this month. After criticizing Israel for what he called inhuman practices against Palestinians in the occupied West Bank, he said: "I still believe that peace will prevail."

CAIRO, (AFP)—Australian Foreign Minister Anthony Street met with President Hosni Mubarak here Sunday on the last day of a five-day visit to Egypt.

Nonaligned panel to seek end to Iran-Iraq war

KUWAIT, April 4 (R)—Fresh efforts to end the Iraq-Iran war will be made this week when foreign ministers of the nonaligned movement meet in Kuwait.

The special meeting of the nonaligned Coordination Bureau was called to discuss ways to help the Palestine cause. But the continuing Gulf war, now in its 19th month, is looming increasingly large over the nonaligned movement as it prepares for a summit conference in Baghdad in September. Both Iranian and Iraqi foreign ministers will be in Kuwait for the three-day meeting from Tuesday.

Diplomatic sources said a nonaligned "committee of goodwill" was expected to hold separate talks with the two ministers and then may decide to visit Baghdad and Tehran. The four-member committee, set up last year, is composed of the foreign ministers of Cuba, India, Zambia and a representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), whose chairman, Yasser Arafat, had talks Sunday with the ruler of Kuwait, Sheikh Jabar al Ahmad Al-Sabah.

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Kidnap scandal jolts Italian Communists

By David Willey

ROME —

Italian Communists have made a public apology in parliament to the ruling Christian Democrats for publishing in their party newspaper *Unita* a forged document defaming a minister.

The senior Communist deputy described the publication as "a serious journalistic and political error." *Unita's* editor has resigned and a judicial inquiry is in progress in Rome and in Naples to ascertain how the forged document came to be planted and published in the Communist newspaper by a young woman journalist belonging to the paper's Naples bureau.

The journalist, Marina Maresca, who has been arrested on charges of perjury, told police her boyfriend gave her the document. Her boyfriend is untraceable and she has been sacked by the Communist Party. Nonetheless, the Communists, Italy's second largest political party, emerge from this row weakened and discredited.

The newspaper alleged that last summer a Christian Democrat minister privately negotiated a million dollar ransom for the release of Cirillo, a Neapolitan local party worthy who had been kidnapped by Red Brigades terrorists. The document purported to show that the deal had been arranged through the good offices of Raffaele Cutolo, leader of the Naples underworld, at present serving a long prison term for extortion. Don Raffaele, as he is known, had his sentence inexplicably halved from 10 to five years by an appeal court in Naples last month.

The suspicion was immediately voiced in the local press that this unexpected leniency was the reward for his role in negotiating the ransom deal. However, Cutolo strongly denied this.

It is a measure of the power of the Camorra, the organized crime syndicate whose activities now control much of the economy of Italy's third largest city, that it seemed perfectly plausible that the government should have had to stoop to deal with the Naples underworld in release one of their party men.

There have been just under 100 murders in Naples in the first three months of this year and most are attributed to a settling of accounts by the Camorra. The existence of links between local government in and around Naples and the Camorra in the allocation of building contracts for earthquake reconstruction is freely acknowledged.

Virginio Rognoni, Italy's interior minister, only added to the mystery surrounding the circumstances of the ransom payment when he made a disclaimer in parliament about the government's role in any negotiations carried on by Cirillo's family. He said he was limited in what he could say by the fact that the Communist Party's allegations were still the subject of judicial inquiry.

According to Rognoni, an unnamed lawyer was able to hand over the ransom to a Red Brigades leader called Giovanni Senzani, since captured and now awaiting trial on terrorism charges. The question is why the police stood idly by during a transaction to free a Christian Democrat politician.

During the kidnap drama surrounding the former Christian Democrat Prime Minister Aldo Moro, murdered by the Red Brigades in 1978, the authorities went out of their way to prevent any private deal being concluded by Aldo Moro's family for his release, insisting it would be against the public interest. (ONS)



Red China ready to downgrade ties with U.S. over Taiwan

By Roger Crab

PEKING —

Communist China is keeping the world guessing about how it will react to the Reagan administration's expected sale of military spare parts to Taiwan, but the signs are increasingly that Peking is prepared to downgrade its relations with the United States. Normalization of ties with Washington in 1979, 30 years after the Communists took power, brought with it a rapid flowering of economic, scientific and cultural cooperation.

Yet China now seems determined to put all that at risk over the question of Taiwan, the offshore island where Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist Army took refuge in 1949 and which Peking maintains is a province of People's China.

Only last week Deng Xiaoping, the powerful party vice-chairman, was quoted as saying that China had no room for maneuver as far as the Taiwan problem was concerned. "We cannot accept America's way of dealing with the Taiwan problem. If the worst comes to the worst, relations will regress," a Peking magazine quoted him as telling former Kampuchean leader Norodom Sihanouk earlier this year.

In early March the Chinese state-controlled media were already warning the Americans that bilateral relations were at a critical point, and

threatened unspecified "retrogression" if the United States insisted on a long-term policy of selling arms to Taiwan. Since then, with the seeming inevitability that the administration would this month submit to Congress for approval a plan to provide \$97 million worth of military spare parts to the Taipei government, the tone in Peking has become more strident.

The press has strongly attacked the American president of the International Softball Federation and "certain other Americans" for entertaining dreams of "two Chinas" over plans to stage a world championship tournament on Taiwan this summer, with Taiwanese "Republic of China" emblems on display.

Just last week, Peking protested to the United States over its decision to consider Taiwan a separate country for immigration purposes. The foreign ministry protest, delivered to the U.S. Embassy here, again accused Washington of an attempt to create two Chinas.

So far the Chinese have not set out officially just how Sino-U.S. ties would regress if Congress allowed the spare parts deal to go through. But significantly the New China News Agency last week quoted a section from a Sydney *Morning Herald* editorial and ended its article: "The editorial drew attention to the fact that 'China means what it says

about withdrawing its ambassador from Washington if the spare parts deal goes through."

"The developing Sino-American relationship is now at risk with numerous unpalatable consequences," it quoted the newspaper as saying.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry has not replied to repeated enquiries from correspondents as to whether the government was considering pulling back Ambassador Chai Zemin if the Taiwan sale takes place. But many foreign diplomats here believe that in that case Chai would soon be boarding a plane for Peking, perhaps for "consultations" or perhaps for a longer stay.

There is a school of Western diplomatic thought which maintains that China will not downgrade ties with Washington over the specific issue of the spare parts sale. These China-watchers contend that Chinese leaders are aware that all that is at stake here is spare parts for existing weaponry, promised some time ago, which the U.S. government is bound to supply under domestic legislation — the 1979 Taiwan Act.

They said that both sides must be aware that a deterioration of diplomatic relations could rapidly rub off an economic cooperation and trade — which rose 14 percent last year to \$5.5 billion. These Western diplomats point out that U.S. technology is playing a key role in the industrial

modernization program dear to Vice-Chairman Deng. They also stress that such a diplomatic "retrogression" could have unpredictable effects on many of China's neighbors, among them Japan and Thailand, and more widely on the triangular strategic relationship among Peking, Washington and Moscow.

But other diplomats, from Asia, Europe and the Americas, say they are convinced the Chinese will not allow such considerations to sway their stand on the principle of Chinese unity.

Deng has said more than once that progress on the Taiwan question is one of China's three main tasks for the 1980s. The other priorities, says the party vice-chairman, are the struggle against Soviet expansionism and China's economic development.

Some diplomats speculate that Deng may have had to take a more hawkish stance toward the United States over Taiwan than he might have liked in order to win agreement among fellow leaders for his domestic reforms. But most diplomats agree that whatever might happen in Sino-U.S. relations, a major shift toward Moscow remains unlikely in the foreseeable future. (R)

HOSTILE U.S. STANCE

It has become an almost routine operation. The Arabs submit a resolution to the Security Council seeking to condemn Israeli action and brutality in the occupied lands and the U.S. casts its veto to thwart it. Not that the passing of the resolution would do anything to dislodge Israel from the occupied lands or to halt its repression, but at least it would expose to the world the immorality of Israeli occupation and suppression of liberties in those lands.

The U.S. does not want such a resolution to be passed, therefore Israel is given an automatic go-ahead to do what it likes and to continue its depredations throughout the Arab world. With superior arms, money and political and moral support, Israel is at liberty to do just that, with impunity. When the Arabs mustered enough power and courage to try to liberate their lands in 1973, the Americans intervened directly to turn the tide against them and perpetuate Israeli occupation of the lands.

This story will be told again and the U.S. will continue to thwart any serious Arab moves, either to scandalize Israel before the world, or to liberate their countries and help their brethren in the occupied lands.

But the Arabs are also largely to blame because some of them are staunch friends of this or that superpower and have little or no clout to exercise in dealing with them. The Soviet Union is willing to sell arms, just short of those similar in firepower to those the U.S. is supplying Israel. Apart from that, it can hardly advance the cause of the Arabs or the Palestinians or help them liberate their lands.

On the other hand, the U.S. has shown itself to be supremely hostile to the Arabs, whenever it comes to condemning Israel for something that is patently wrong and immoral. It is not only giving Israel the means to kill, maim and destroy the Arabs but it prevents them from complaining about the whole sordid business.

This calls for serious and agonizing reappraisal of the whole spectrum of Arab relations with the U.S. If we don't do that, we shall continue to be despised by the U.S., the West and the world at large. It is up to us really to show the U.S., in no uncertain terms, that we are hurt and that we can hurt it if necessary. But we have to decide among ourselves first what we want to do and are ready to abide by a decision of this order.

Saudi Arabian press review

The hostile U.S. attitude toward the Arabs and Washington's veto against the Arab — sponsored Security Council resolution denouncing Israel's action in the occupied Arab territories as well as the 18-month old Iraqi — Iranian war were the main topics for editorial comment in Sunday's papers.

On the U.S. veto at the Security Council, *Al-Riyadh* said the recent American stand "should not be a surprise to us since the traditional U.S.-Israeli relations could not be easily reversed."

The paper added that dependence on any big power to recover usurped Arab rights "is but a desperate attempt to relieve ourselves from our historic and national responsibilities." "We regret that the Arabs with all their unlimited resources have failed to face the Zionist challenges which threaten the existence of the whole Arab nation," the paper noted.

Al-Riyadh added, "It is foolish to expect a sympathizing stand from foreign powers while Arab states are fighting each other." *Al-Madina* said, "The American veto represents a coordinated U.S.-Israeli action to foil the Arabs' determination to recover their usurped lands and rights and to annihilate the Arab people."

"Pushing the Mideast peace process means, as far as the United States is concerned,

encouraging and backing Israel to usurp more Arab land and violate human rights," it added.

"It also means more oppression and killing Palestinian Arabs, while defending Islam in the American view means uprooting Islam from Jerusalem," the paper said.

Okaz wondered why the Arabs still depend on the West or the East for their just causes. It asked whether "an initiative from Moscow or Washington or the European Economic Community (EEC) serves Arab interests more than an Arab plan based on resolutions adopted by Arab summits and an understanding of international changes."

On the same subject, *Al-Nadwa* said, "If Washington persists in its hostile attitude toward the Arabs and continues its blind military backing to Israel at the expense of the Arabs' legitimate rights, the Arabs should adopt an appropriate policy toward the United States."

Dealing with developments of the Iraqi-Iranian war, *Al-Jazirah* said, "There are international powers trying to hinder an Iraqi victory that will force Khomeini's regime to be reasonable and recognize Iraq's legitimate territorial rights."

The paper added that it was regrettable that certain Arab countries were "backing aggressive Iran against Iraq." (SPA)

Spaniards blame democracy for country's ills

By Robert Low

MADRID —

The Spaniards have long memories. When I walked into a small working man's restaurant in the center of Madrid after an absence of 16 years I was immediately recognized as an old patron, embraced by Angel, the owner, and treated to much the same meal I had eaten some lunch-times for a year back in the 1960s. When I asked Angel what he thought of Spain now he answered: "It was better before."

"Before" means before democracy, ushered in after a 40-year absence when Gen. Franco died in 1975. The first wave of enthusiasm for the new era has died away, to be replaced by a more sober frame of mind, with many Spaniards tending to blame democracy for every ill that now afflicts the country, notably unemployment, inflation and economic stagnation.

"The excitement has turned into fear and disenchantment," said a journalist in Leon, northern Spain. He himself faces a month and a day in prison for allegedly insulting a mayor of the Franco period. The workings of Spanish justice being as they are, he will never serve the sentence even if found guilty. Dozens of other journalists face similar proceedings.

"It will take three generations to forget," he said. "And the irony of so-called democracy is that its introduction is in the hands of Franco men." He was demoted by the local newspaper that used to employ him because of his Socialist sympathies. Now he freelances, at half the income.

The most blatant attempt to take Spain back to Franco came on Feb. 23, 1981 and from the most obvious quarter: the armed forces, sections of which tried to mount the coup which has become etched into the Spanish consciousness as "23-F". It lasted just 18 hours and failed because King Juan Carlos stood out against it and most of the military

refused to support it.

Or did it fail? There are those who say it achieved most of its objectives. The centrist government of Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo brought the military in to crack down on terrorism, notably in the Basque country, and has put the brake on social and regional reform. The government does nothing without evaluating first the likely reaction of the armed forces, runs the argument.

Against that is the thesis that 23-F strengthened democracy by giving Spaniards a glimpse they did not like of the sort of government they could expect if the military took over again: a government led by hard-liners like Generals Alfonso Armada and Jaime Milans del Bosch, and Civil Guard Lt.-Gen. Antonio Tejero, the moustachioed figure who took over the Cortes (parliament) at gunpoint and held 300 deputies hostage.

A year later, Spain is reliving those dramatic events through the daily reports of the trial of the 32 officers and one civilian accused of staging 23-F. As long as it lasts, it will overshadow everything else and the repercussions of the sentences handed out by the military tribunal will be considerable.

The government and most of the political parties exhort the country to remain calm and have faith in democracy. The national radio network even broadcasts little homilies on the subject by public figures from all walks of life after the morning news.

It is therefore of crucial importance that the political process has to be seen to be working at present. One of the reasons given for 23-F was the apparent inability of Spanish politicians to stop bickering and putting sectarian interests before the national good, whatever that is conceived to be. That still goes on to some extent; Center-Left and Center-Right fragments deserted the governing Union of the Democratic Center (UCD) recently and weakened it considerably.

But the government is being kept in power by a remarkable understanding with the second-biggest parliamentary party, the Socialists, led by Felipe Gonzalez, at 40 a highly attractive figure who is respected by all sides, apart from the extreme left and right.

Although the opinion polls show the Socialists would win a general election now, Gonzalez has no desire to force one. His motives are twofold: he wants to ensure the survival of the democratic, parliamentary system which could be at risk if elections took place at the present delicate moment; and he wants to assume the mantle of government gradually, almost by stealth. So he promises no nationalizations; seeks to placate the worried business sector, and says his program will be a mild one concentrating on making Spain a more efficient and humane society.

But there is another view. "Felipe is afraid of winning," said one observer. "If he does, he will have ranged against him the armed forces, big business, the church and most of the press. Add to that a huge flight of capital from the country if he wins and you will see that his hands are tied."

So there is much speculation about Gonzalez seeking a grand coalition of the Socialists and the UCD after the election, due by March 1983 at the latest. The resurgent right-wing Popular Alliance, led by Manuel Fraga Iribarne, will also be wooing the UCD. Calvo Sotelo insists that he will go it alone. After a brief respite caused by the World Cup finals to be held in Spain in June and July, and the Pope's visit in October, a snap election is likely to be called in November.

But for a good while yet all political calculations will be made with one eye on what is going through the military mind too. "We will win the election," says Socialist Deputy Joaquin Almunia, "if there is one." — (ONS)

Today in History

Today is Monday, April 5th, the 95th day of 1982. There are 270 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1594 — Jean Chastel, pupil of the Jesuits, attempts to assassinate France's King Henri IV.

1664 — Peace treaty of Westminster ends first Anglo-Dutch war.

1794 — French revolutionaries G.J. Danton and Camille Desmoulins are executed.

1826 — Russian ultimatum to Turkey over Serbia and Danubian provinces.

1881 — Britain concludes treaty of Pretoria with Boers, recognizing independence of South African republic of Transvaal.

1939 — All German children between ages of 10 and 13 are ordered to serve in Hitler youth organization.

1946 — The Soviet Union agrees to withdraw troops from Iran on promise of reforms in Azerbaijan.

1958 — Fidel Castro begins "total war" against Batista government in Cuba.

1969 — Four-man British expedition reaches North Pole after 14-month, 2,092-km trek by dog sled.

1975 — Nationalist China's President Chiang Kai-shek dies at age 89.

1977 — Egypt's President Anwar Sadat, in Washington, asks the United States to start supplying Egypt with arms, including fighter planes.

1980 — Iran's President Bani-Sadr calls on Egyptians to overthrow President Anwar Sadat for granting asylum to deposed Shah of Iran.

1981 — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev flies to Czechoslovakia, where Warsaw Pact leaders reportedly are to discuss whether to intervene in Poland's labor crisis.

Thought for today:

The greater the difficulty, the greater the glory — Cicero — Roman statesman-philosopher (106 B.C.-43 B.C.).

On a law and order tightrope

British want crime crackdown, greater police accountability

By Alison Maitland
LONDON, (R) — A sharp increase in crime in Britain, including the recent killings of two policemen, has triggered a vigorous campaign by police and their right-wing political allies to bring back hanging.

Serious crimes rose by 10 percent last year to 2,964,000, minuscule per head of population compared with the United States, but enough to frighten a public still wedded to the belief that the streets should be safe to walk in.

In London, the worst-hit city, robberies and other violent thefts were up by 34 percent to a total of 18,763. Rising crime rates have fueled a major debate in Britain about law-and-order in a democratic society.

The conservative government fears the riots which hit inner cities last July will erupt

again this summer and police forces are adopting new riot control techniques.

The riots broke out in depressed areas, often with large populations of young blacks — the people suffering the worst unemployment in Britain's current deep recession.

The British are proud that their blue-uniformed "Bobbies" are still unarmed except for special duties and the cold-blooded killings of a detective and a young constable in the space of seven days unleashed strong feelings.

The Police Federation, representing the 118,000 rank and file officers in England and Wales, bought advertisements in national newspapers urging the public to back its call for a resumption of capital punishment, abolished in 1965.

"Few members of Parliament would dis-

pute the assertion that a large majority of the British public would support the death penalty for murderers whose crimes are especially horrifying," it said.

Before 1965, the Federation said, criminals were rarely armed. Now police may be forced to carry weapons unless something is done to deter armed criminals and guerrillas from Ireland and elsewhere operating increasingly in Britain.

Since the last executions in August 1964, when two murderers were sent to the gallows, the debate on capital punishment has intermittently flared up.

The issue seemed settled when in July 1979 Parliament rejected a return of execution by 362 votes to 243.

But 104 conservative members of Parliament, have now signed a parliamentary motion supporting the police campaign.

The restoration of the death penalty is due to be debated in the next few weeks by a parliamentary committee examining the government's Criminal Justice Bill.

A National Opinion Poll (NOP) published in the *Daily Mail* showed 33 percent of Britons thought capital punishment would be the single most effective way of reducing violent crime while 21 percent favored corporal punishment, abolished in 1948.

There is also a strong feeling of revulsion against execution in British society, illustrated by a recent letter to the liberal *Guardian* newspaper.

"We wish only vengeance," the author wrote. "Capital punishment is a catharsis by which we rid ourselves of guilt and responsibility for the defects of the human race."

Human rights groups have rejected a return of capital or corporal punishment, arguing it does not deter criminals and only meets violence with violence.

The debate this time, however, is not just about the rights and wrongs of execution, or its effectiveness as a deterrent.

Last year's riots, aimed primarily at the police, shattered a popular belief that the police and the community are always on the same side.

In the public soul-searching that followed, all parties agreed that a serious breakdown in relations between police and the multi-racial communities they served helped spark the riots.

Lord Scarman, a senior judge who investigated the riots, urged that machinery be set up to ensure that the police consulted local leaders and won their confidence.

The suspicion is now being voiced in liberal circles that there is an ulterior motive in calls by the police for tougher penal policies and greater police powers.

"What we are witnessing is a backlash against the response to the 1981 riots," says the weekly magazine *New Society*, which observes social trends.

"(After the riots) it became possible, for almost the first time in the post (Second World) war period, to challenge the ground rule of police organization and policy without being automatically written off as an agent of President Brezhnev."

"The police feel threatened by these developments."

The government has somehow to answer the discordant demands for tougher action against criminals and for greater police accountability.

Home Secretary (interior minister) William Whitelaw, bitterly criticized by right-wingers in his party for being "too soft" on crime, has promised to step up police powers to stop and search suspects.

Faced with a crisis of overcrowding in prisons, Whitelaw is seeking alternatives to jail and argues that preventing crime is more important than discussing harsher punishments.

But unemployment, seen as the main cause of rising crime by 61 percent of people questioned in the recent NOP poll, continues to hover around a record three million under the government's tough anti-inflationary policies.

A peaceful summer in Britain's inner cities could be just what Whitelaw needs to show he can keep his balance on the emotive tightrope of law and order.

Britain has an edge

Chariots of Fire gamble paid off for producers

By Alison Maitland

LONDON, (R) — The glittering success of *Chariots of Fire*, the first British movie to win the top Oscar for 14 years, is a welcome boost to the morale of the struggling British film industry.

"The fact that a British film without any recognized stars and with a totally indigenous subject matter has actually broken through in America will open the doors to a new audience," said Sir Richard Attenborough, one of Britain's best-known directors.

"Of course that means a tremendous amount to the producers in this country."

Despite good studio facilities and talented technicians and camera crews, the blockbusters made in Britain these days — such as *superman*, *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and *Star Wars* — are backed by American, not British, money.

The most British of movie-makers, the Rank organization, which made international stars out of actors such as Stewart Grange and Jadrik Bogarde, abandoned film production in 1980 because it found costs too high.

Associated Communications, once the empire of cigar-chomping movie mogul Lord Grade, is reeling from losses on expensive box office failures like *Raise the Titanic*. To movie audiences, the popularity of the cinema in Britain continues to dwindle under competition from television and video.

Last year, the worst-on record, only 86 million cinema tickets were sold, 16 million fewer than in 1980.

David Puttnam, producer of *Chariots of Fire*, approached every major source of British film finance without success.

In the end, the film which won four Oscars with the story of two 1924 Olympic heroes was financed jointly by 20th Century Fox and an Egyptian shipping firm.

Its budget was six million dollars, roughly half the average cost of American films.

British financiers thought the film a non-starter because it had no big stars, the subject of sports had no general appeal, and it was too British.

Yet the film is soon expected to gross \$25 million at box offices in the U.S., the biggest film market in the world for the producing company, Enigma Films.

Breaking into the American market with *Chariots of Fire* was a risk undertaken jointly by Warner Brothers and the Ladd Company. Their technique was unusual, says Enigma.

To keep costs down, they opened the film in major cities and, as well as commercial showings, invited groups like boy scouts, religious and women's organizations to see it for free. "They spent very little money on print and TV advertising," says an Enigma official. "They did it by word of mouth."

The reluctance of British firms to invest in films is understandable, says Kenneth

Maidment, president of the British Film and Producers Association.

"We're a very speculative business," he says. "We don't know when a film is going to be a success or otherwise. David Puttnam has a great deal of ability and judgment and courage. But courage is usually at somebody's expense."

"It needs an act of faith every time you produce a film."

One British company prepared to do that is Goldcrest Films, a subsidiary of publishers Pearson Longman. It put up the pre-production money for *Chariots of Fire*, covering the script-writing and administrative costs.

Goldcrest also helped Attenborough make his epic *Gandhi*, due out at the end of the year, and has just put up six million dollars for Puttnam's next film, a comedy called *Local Hero*.

Set up in anticipation of the coming British boom in cable and satellite TV, Goldcrest has managed so far to raise less than half the institutional finance it wants to take its film production pool to just under \$54 million. Even backing for *Local Hero*, was hard to come by.

"We did look for half the budget from the British film industry, but everyone, including EMI, turned us down," says chairman James Lee.

The political message we have been trying to put across is that films may be a small industry but they happen to be one in which Britain has a real competitive advantage. We can make films of great quality at lower cost, faster."

Others, like Peter Plouviez, head of the actors union equity, see government backing as the way to help British films.

"Talent is not enough to revive the industry," he says. "There has been talent in Australia for many years, but it was only when there was a determination by the government in Australia to make attractive films that the industry took off."

He wants the government to invest directly in films as it does in the live arts. But he realizes the trend is strongly against cinema and in favor of TV.

"One is faced with a mixed feeling of great hope and encouragement because once again people are making wonderful films, and awful fears that it's too late — unless they are encouraged," said Plouviez.

A government appointed committee headed by former labor Prime Minister Harold Wilson argued that a fund be set up to aid new productions costs on films sold to the video business or cable and satellite TV.

Maidment is meanwhile trying to reverse a government plan to scrap concessions on first-year capital investment in films. "We need all the help we can get," he says.

But if the industry in Britain and other parts of the world is going to stand on its own feet, he argues, then films must have a world-wide appeal, like *Chariots of Fire*.



COMPANIONS: Posing in the aquarium window in Miami, Florida is Myrtle the turtle and her companion/keeper. Myrtle is taken out of the aquarium periodically and given an examination to make sure she is physically fit. Ever try to examine a turtle?

Suspended in time

Ndjamena depressing Chad 'actors'

By Nick Kotch

NDJAMENA, (R) — The fruit salad is served in teacups and water from the bathroom taps is a rarity, but the Hotel Du Chari is a second home for many of the principal actors in the seemingly endless Chad saga.

Its 40 sparsely-furnished rooms, sporadically cooled by ancient air conditioners which clank into life between power cuts, are occupied by politicians, soldiers and diplomats.

None of them chose to spend months in Ndjamena, living a half-life far from their families in one of the world's oddest capitals.

They were sent by governments and international organizations, some to monitor the progress of Chad's 17-year civil war and some to tidy up the conflict's human and material debris.

The Chari Hotel's distinguished guests greet each other with courteous familiarity, like elderly residents in a boarding-house.

They pause in the corridors, exchanging information and the latest rumors wafting through the city about the fighting on the eastern front or the squabbling in the government coalition.

"It is impossible to express how bored one gets," sighed Dawit Gebre Egziabier, one of the hotel's reluctant patrons.

Dawit, a quietly-spoken Ethiopian, is the special representative of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) secretariat. For three months, since the first peace-keeping force in OAU history arrived in Chad, Dawit has lived in room 11. Actually, he has a suite, if a bare living room with a refrigerator, a table and four chairs can be so described.

The OAU, whose erratic Chad policy requires an able spokesman in Ndjamena, pays 12,000 CFA francs (\$40) a night to maintain Dawit's presence.

"The hotel director offered me long-stay terms, but I said no," he said. "The waiters here complain that they are almost never paid and if I accepted a discount it would be too easy to say I was adding to their misery."

He was speaking in the Chari's dilapidated dining-room, where a once-thriving French colonial community dined in splendour with cut glass and silver cutlery before the war erupted with a vengeance in 1979.

Many of the lunchtime customers are still French. But today they are volunteer doctors whose patients include wounded soldiers, or they help the United Nations distribute food to nearly 200,000 refugees.

On most days French Ambassador Claude Soubestre strides briskly into the Chari to consume a rapid meal. Invariably, he dines alone, an understandable public discretion by a dip-

lomat whose post makes him one of the key figures in the city.

Every morning at 0845 sharp Lt. Col. R.M. Kupolati walks downstairs from his room to the lobby, where the driver of his white-painted OAU Land Rover snaps to attention. The senior officer in the Nigerian contingent, which forms the bulk of the African peace-keeping force, he is another long-term resident.

According to the present timetable, Col. Kupolati and his OAU soldiers will leave Chad on June 30. But many officers are gloomily resigned to an extension, knowing that war would return to the streets of Ndjamena if the government and rebel armies were not kept apart by the OAU's buffer force in the east.

Every afternoon, Chad's justice minister, Kassire Koumakoye, returns from work in an official black Peugeot 504. Its bodywork is shabby but any car is a symbol of riches or power in bankrupt Ndjamena, where gasoline is sold in glass bottles on street-side stalls.

The minister is large and ebullient but is dwarfed by the colossal bodyguard who stands in the corridor outside his room on the first floor.

Sometimes the minister joins other guests on the terrace, sitting around broken tables in

what used to be the capital's finest garden.

They watch the sun go down over the Chari River which this year's worryingly-severe drought has reduced to a narrow and sluggish channel.

The water is so low that the ferry donated by the European Economic Community, providing Ndjamena's main link with the outside world via Cameroun, frequently hits bottom and gets stuck.

But the Chari is not the only hotel here. Some visitors prefer La Tchadienne where junior OAU officers are billeted.

Before the war it too boasted four-star attractions. Now only frogs will risk immersion in the swimming-pool.

Power cuts are even lengthier at La Tchadienne than at the Chari, although the water supply is reported more regular.

Informed sources said neither hotel had paid its electricity bills for months, in common with most other consumers in Chad, where a state structure no longer exists. But the cuts are kinder at the Chari, apparently out of respect for its most important vip, Dawit the OAU representative.

"Yes, the Tchadienne manager did try to get me to switch hotels, perhaps to get more electricity," said Dawit. "But I decided to stay at the Chari. I'm used to it here."

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'Folk festival' is April 7-9

By Nadia Al-Anagry

RIYADH — Typical Saudi Arabian cuisine, costumes and folklore dancing will be featured here during the April 7-9 "Traditional Grand Folk Festival" sponsored by the Al-Wafa Women's Welfare Society at Prince Sarah's Palace on King Faisal Street.

Traditional Saudi Arabian costumes, ornaments and artifacts will be displayed during the festival, which will take place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tickets will be sold at Prince Sarah's Palace at a cost of SR150 each.

Last week's traditional costume show was the talk of the town with a very impressive show of native and traditional Saudi Arabian costumes. The women in attendance were very impressed with the presentation.

One audience member, a French woman, commented that she wished she could be a Saudi Arabian woman and wear such nice

dresses. Another imagined herself watching a Cleopatra movie, while an American woman commented that watching the show was like she stepped into a history book. A Swedish woman could only say in fascination, "unbelievable."

The show began with the national anthem and the reading of the Holy Quran and then the display of traditional costumes and folklore dancing from the five regions of the Kingdom. The audience was very impressed and very satisfied with what they saw. They enjoyed the show and said it was like catching a glimpse of the past.

Some of the costumes they saw were very rare such as Hejazi dresses that go back more than a century ago. Many of the native dresses shown were made before the establishment of the Kingdom.

Many of the women attending the show wondered why Saudi Arabian women no longer wear these dresses?

Profiteering or proficiency?

Guarded business secrets available by obtaining public, federal data

By Robert W. Stewart and Michael A. Hiltzik

NEW YORK (LAT) — Thievery, deceit and fraud are not the only ways to gather business intelligence. Many companies use perfectly legitimate channels.

International Business Machines Corp., by any measure a competitive powerhouse, has assembled internally an elaborate intelligence-gathering apparatus that relies on published sources and detailed reports from its salesmen all over the world.

But valuable intelligence can come from something as simple and innocent as an overheard conversation at a trade meeting.

Louis Tyska, the Revlon security chief, notes that among Revlon's fellow tenants in the General Motors building in midtown Manhattan are Estee Lauder and J.B. Williams Co., two competing cosmetic companies.

"You can ride up and down the elevators in this building and pick up more information than you can sitting in a budget meeting," he said.

Trade meetings, scientific seminars and professional junkets can present invaluable opportunities for quick-witted technical people and executives to pick the brains of colleagues.

For executives who want more than casual information, Washington Researchers, a consulting firm based in the nation's capital, offers a "company information seminar."

A brochure advertising one seminar says that the consultants will show participants how to use public sources to find out, among other things, the nature of a competitor's marketing strategy or whether the competition is opening a new plant.

Major manufacturers such as automobile makers routinely examine their competitors' products as they appear on the market. "It's no secret that we buy near all our competitors' products and tear them down to the last bolt," a spokesman for General Motors said. "They're gone over with a fine-tooth comb; it's good business."

Breaking down a rival's marketed products

in this fashion is known as "reverse engineering," a technique so common in industry that most courts find it acceptable as a competitive practice. Reverse engineering is a particularly valued skill in high-technology industries like electronics, where it is often an important step toward duplicating or improving on a competing product.

But perhaps the most important legitimate source of inside information about competitors is the federal government, which for regulatory and contracting purposes requires public corporations and even many private companies to make extensive disclosures about their products, finances, and operations.

Over the years, businessmen have become adept at using the federal Freedom of Information Act to extract some of that data. Although the 1966 law was tailored to help the press and public obtain information about the workings of government, in practice it has been more useful to businesses looking for information about their rivals.

Procter & Gamble, the large Cincinnati-based consumer-goods company, contends that a key competitor gained access in 1980 to one of its potentially valuable chemical secrets through a Freedom-of-Information request to the Food and Drug Administration.

At issue was a chemical treatment of surgical-room drapes that allowed them to be safely sterilized. Although Procter & Gamble had submitted two sets of documents to the FDA in seeking approval of the chemical — including one for public release with the chemical's formula blanked out — the agency released both sets to the competitor, P & G says.

Those facts, the company contends, allowed the competitor to cut short its own research and development effort and to market the Procter & Gamble treatment.

Under existing law, says James T. O'Reilly, a Procter & Gamble lawyer and an expert in commercial use of the Freedom of Information act, Procter & Gamble has no way to collect damages from the government

which the Supreme Court has ruled is under no obligation to preserve such secrets.

The Procter & Gamble case is far from unique. Some 37 percent of the Freedom-of-Information queries submitted to 29 federal agencies in 1978 (not including the FBI and CIA), were to the Food and Drug Administration, according to a 1980 study by a University of Oregon professor. Not coincidentally the FDA is the repository of millions or even billions of dollars in proprietary formulas from cosmetic and pharmaceutical makers, among the companies.

Other studies suggest that the vast majority of information requests to certain regulatory agencies come from corporate probers rather than the general public or press. The Food and Drug Administration reported last year that of the 33,000 requests it answered in 1980, some 85 percent were from companies in industries it regulates.

Nevertheless, American business is of two minds — perhaps those of the seeker and of the protector of information — about how it uses the act.

At a 1980 congressional hearing that delved into this problem, Thomas J. Houser, general counsel to the National Association of Manufacturers, complained about the use of the act "to engage in the search and seizure of sensitive corporate information" by "both businessmen and consumer groups."

But at the same hearing a spokesman for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the nation's largest business group, objected when a senator characterized this activity as an abuse of the act.

"What you have described as abuse," she said, almost admiringly, "in fact represents adeptness and proficiency in the use of the act."

Under changes in the act drafted by Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, with the chamber's help, government agencies will have to notify companies when it intends to release their secrets, giving them a chance to object, and will have to weigh the public's interest against purely commercial considerations before



BLANKET TONS: Eskimos in Anchorage participate in a traditional Eskimo sport in which 15 men toss a 16th person as high in the air as possible. The object of the game is to stay on the blanket for as many tosses as possible. Trappers enjoy such sport when they come into Anchorage for supplies after the long, cold winter.

Always with the best of intentions

Sometimes right, often wrong: 'experts' use experience to give free advice

By Y. Tahir

JEDDAH — Do you have any projects, any plans for the future? Are you perplexed about where to build the house and about its design? Is it about the choice of your spouse, the education of your children, or is it your rather indifferent state of health — a multiplicity of diseases which has baffled the general practitioners and the specialists alike? Are you in need of advice? Well, just you name the problem and there you have instant expert advice — free, absolutely without any charge.

You don't believe it? Well, mention, in passing, anything that is bugging you, to a friend or a relative, and there without knowing it, you have bumped into an "expert" who puts you to shame for knowing so little about the problem at hand. In the short space of ten minutes or so, this "expert" is quite capable of teaching you all about it. He even hands you a completed blue-print of the project. It is quite besides the point that the advice given at the beginning of this rather "fruitful" session seems to be slightly different from what is said at the end of this monologue — your role being that of a passive listener only.

It would seem as though these people who know everything about everything and talk down to you from a higher pedestal. Some element of superiority is there in some advisers, no doubt. But most of them, I believe, are motivated by a sincere desire to help. And what better help can one desire than sympathy, understanding and advice.

The advice, criticism and comments that come after the event are hard to bear. No matter what or how well you have done, you are made to learn that you could have done better, or worse; instead of doing this you should have done that.

Personally, I felt that planning or even doing something is not entirely devoid of enthusiasm; it is after — the — event — criticism that I find rather chilling. In the light of the free advice that is so freely available, I admit that I have felt almost like a fool on more occasions than one.

Considering the new light shed on the subject, you are easily convinced that the way you handled the issue was all wrong — from A to Z. There is a great truth in the saying that one becomes wiser after the event. A post view enables you to look at the thing

from different angles. The interesting thing, however, is that you get as many points of view as there are experts, nay, double the number, because each one of these knowing ones gives you more opinions than one.

I have a vague, less than rudimentary knowledge about electrical appliances. I tend to believe, that perfection not exactly being the order of the day, almost everything sold in the market is equally good, or to put in better words, equally bad. No company in this competitive age can afford to market a worse product than the others.

It so happened that I was left with no alternative but to buy a new refrigerator. So I went to a shop, and trusting the word of the salesman, I chose one mainly for its color and took it home. Any prior advice on the subject having been ruled out, I braved myself for worse to come. I didn't have to wait long.

An expert, not a general expert, but a specialist expert, a repair man by vocation, was trying to do some other electrical appliance work at my place. As soon as he saw my latest purchase, he condemned it in no uncertain terms. "Who advised you to buy this one?"

"The salesman." "That was the exact

explanation, more than that would have taken me away from the truth." For how much, did you say? Oh, you've been cheated. They have robbed you. This is positively the worst make on the market. Well, it is my expert opinion that it won't last you more than two weeks."

Every product in the market has its devotees who ardently highlight the merits of their favorite make, and with the same zeal tear down rival products. But I am always thrilled by listening to a person who has experimented with a series of different makes and has rejected them all for being unsatisfactory. Of course, he can't tell you about the best TV, AC, washing machine, dishwasher, vacuum cleaner or cooker etc., but at least he is an excellent guide who can advise you on what not to buy. You can trust his word because he has gone through them all.

If you are looking for genuinely sincere advice, the best people to turn to are those who themselves have not been so successful in life, or who have been outright failures. Their advice comes from a heart mellowed with long and bitter experience. They brood over, consider and try to analyze the cause

of their failures. Their lives become living mementoes of what to avoid in life. If they can't guide you positively, they can at least point out the pitfalls. Again, these people, because of their long and sad reflections have the time to give you detailed advice, and they have knowledge too.

On the other hand, a successful person is so busy that he can hardly spare a moment for giving idle advice. A busy doctor, or a lawyer with a flourishing practice making money through giving advice, has no time to give you free advice, often he doesn't have time even for his own family. A successful businessman is not exactly the person you should see for learning tips on business. The person to go to is the one who has floundered in business. An intelligent listener can build success over the ruins of failure, by learning to avoid the avoidable.

Remember it is always the sick person who knows a lot about health; a healthy man is blissfully unaware of the problems of sickness and disease. Most common and probably the best advice is evoked in the field of health. No technical jargon is required to talk about health or the lack of it. Everyone, educated or

otherwise considers himself to be well within his rights to express his opinion on this subject. Health has been the age-old preoccupation of man; concern for another's state of health is but natural. In some cultures it would be considered bad manners if you failed to mention the "deteriorating" health of your host or guest, as the occasion may demand.

Anybody who is suffering or has suffered from a single disease or from a combination of ailments is sure to get as many remedies as the number of his visitors and well-wishers, and the number of doctors recommended for consultation can again be as large.

Teachers, by and large, (maybe by virtue of their profession) are considered to be the best advisers, counsellors and guides. There is a simple reason for this. They themselves might have failed to achieve the desired success in life. There is the classical story that a teacher was trying to light a spark of emulation in a lazy student. He said, "Look boy, when Napoleon was your age, he had learned so much. You should also..." but he was cut short by this rather truthful reply. "But Sir, when he was your age, he had already conquered Europe!"

IS SON
NORMAL OR
HYPERACTIVE?

STOP KILLING YOURSELF

By Peter J.

Steinerohn

M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steinerohn: Our 8-year-old son is the problem. We don't know whether we're dealing with a normal boy or one suffering from hyperactivity.

What is bringing the problem to a head is a note from his school advising that he have a medical checkup. They think it may be hyperactivity. He can't sit still in class. He bothers other pupils while they're trying to read. He gets into actual fights during recess.

My husband thinks they are overreacting. Therefore, he thinks that making an appointment with a doctor is a waste of time and needless expense. I don't know what to make of it. I think he needs help. Do you? Mrs. G.

Dear Mrs. G.: We would be guessing, so would you and your husband if you delay in asking for advice from your own family doctor or a pediatrician.

It's true that many youngsters your son's age are high spirited and perfectly normal growing youngsters. But the line of demarcation between normal and abnormal is sometimes quite thin.

His actions certainly make one suspicious of his being hyperactive. Your husband says he was the same. It may interest you to know that hyperactivity sometimes runs in families. He may have been a hyperactive child.

Does your husband still have any trouble in reading? Does your son? Another indication to look for: Is your son physically inept? Have trouble in catching a ball, for example? Is he called clumsy by his peers?

What I've been suggesting is that the diagnosis is often difficult to make. Better not try to make it yourself. If your son actually does suffer from hyperactivity, he will need special treatment — with or

without medications which so often help.

The sooner diagnosis and treatment are made, the less likely your boy will continue to suffer so much now and later from what we call minimal brain dysfunction.

MEDICALETTES
Replies to and from readers)

Dear Dr. Steinerohn: My doctor tells me I have stable angina pectoris. For the past year I have been getting pains in the chest when I walk fast. I have to stop. A nitroglycerine tablet under my tongue takes care of it within a few minutes. Then I can go on again.

I need to take only two or three tablets a day. Otherwise, I feel all right if I don't overdo. I've never gotten around to asking him, but what does "stable angina" mean? — Mr. V.

Dear Mr. V.: If it keeps on this way, you can go along for years with restricted activity and no complications. Your condition is called "stable" because the pain does not come often and is immediately relieved by nitroglycerine.

Patients with "unstable" angina are those who find that their pains are becoming more intense, last longer, come more often and are not as easily relieved by medications.

When this happens, it is often a signal that the coronary arteries are becoming more narrowed. Patients may require special tests like coronary arteriography. If coronary arteries are obstructed, such patients may require bypass coronary surgery.

Tomorrow: HAS mammography finds diabetes.

Kidney facilities scarce in Bangladesh; romance blooms, patient survives ordeal

CHITTAGONG, Bangladesh (Depthnews) — This is a story of a meeting of the hearts, and a suffering kidney in between. It is about Angela Hella, a fair Mexican girl, who fell in love with a half-dying kidney patient from Bangladesh.

Salaudin Zahid was a promising Bengali engineer when he joined a reputable firm in Texas. There, he met Angela — a new experience for a foreigner who tried to prevent the romance's development. To no avail. Angela was in love, and Salaudin wrote his mother for advice.

She promptly replied by readily choosing a Bangladeshi bride and writing to Salaudin for an early return.

Only two days before Salaudin's departure, he became sick. A successful physician-uncle said Salaudin had serious kidney trouble. Salaudin did not respond to the best of American treatment, although his mother traveled half the globe to give one of her kidneys to her son. Only a month after a successful transplant, Salaudin's condition deteriorated even as he was taking dialysis three times a week. Each session required four hours and (\$264) to keep the artificial kidney running.

Angela took the crisis as a personal challenge, stuck to Salaudin like a shadow, and then proposed. He tried to talk her out of it but she wouldn't listen. Today, Salaudin still uses the dialysis three times a week, and Angela is now the proud mother of a boy.

Salaudin's family is still in the United States, suffering like other Bangladeshis who cannot return to their homeland because of kidney trouble. Qumairah Pradhan says her elder brother has been in the U.S. for the last 11 years, but cannot go home because of a diseased kidney. Md. Ibrahim, a retired food procurement controller, says his engineer-son Rashed-Ur-Nabi has since been in Abu Dhabi for treatment of a kidney disease discovered just two months after his marriage in 1978.

The Bangladesh Kidney Foundation, based in Chittagong, reports that about 20,000 die each year from kidney ailments, and the number is increasing.

Early in 1981, Zahur Hossain Chowdhury, one of the leading newspaper columnists in Bangladesh, also died of kidney trouble at the Institute of Post Graduate Medicine and Research in Dacca. While the death was not premature, it left a serious impression on the minds of the locals, particularly the elite,

about the treatment of kidney ailments in the country.

Friends say that treatment is so costly that very few can afford it. Even the health care budget, they say, is not capable of financing such a venture. In most cases, kidney troubles are detected at the eleventh hour, and doctors cannot help and become mere observers.

There is no full-time dialysis center yet in the country. There are a lot of reasons why, but it is primarily the lack of funds, high cost of equipment and facilities and the financial inability of the patient to avail of the treatment.

The Bangladesh Kidney Foundation plans to put up dialysis centers adjacent to different medical colleges and hospitals. So far, the plan has yet to make headway. Colleagues say the magnitude of the problem is yet to be understood by higher authorities.

Arab News welcomes readers' contributions, particularly of a local aspect. If interested, please contact Dave Kaiser at 653-4743 or 653-2911, Jeddah.

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Swiss protest Soviet spying

BERN, April 4 (AFP) — The Swiss government has formally protested to the Soviet Embassy here over the cases of two Soviet diplomats who "abused Swiss territory for espionage purposes," the Justice and Police Ministry announced Sunday.

A ministry communiqué said that one of the diplomats, the aide to the Soviet Embassy's military attaché, had been found in mid-March to be engaging in "espionage against foreign states." Police found foreign military documents in his possession, but as he was protected by diplomatic immunity, he was not detained and left the country two days after the incident, the communiqué said.

The other diplomat, a secretary at the Soviet consulate in Geneva, was also found in possession of compromising documents and left the country after Swiss authorities requested that he be recalled to Moscow.

According to the communiqué, the diplomat had used small gifts and cash to bribe a young Swiss national into attempting to obtain a post in the Swiss Foreign Ministry for espionage purposes. No identities were revealed in the communiqué, which added that 238 cases of espionage have been uncovered in Switzerland since 1948, two-thirds of them involving agents working for the East-cum bloc.

Soviet bid seen to curb Indian arms purchases

PEKING, April 4 (AFP) — The Soviet Union was trying to prohibit India from buying military equipment from the West so as to preserve its virtual sales monopoly, the *Peking Review* charged Sunday in its latest issue.

Soviet Defense Minister Dmitri Ustinov's recent visit to India had come just as India was preparing to turn to the West for its purchases of military equipment, the *Review*, which is meant for foreign readership, said. Essentially, the weekly said, Ustinov's visit was to maintain the Soviet Union's "domination" of Indian imports of arms.

It described as "unscrupulous" Ustinov's reported demand that India should not diversify its sources of arms. "This constituted an attempt to prohibit India from importing military equipment from the West in order to maintain Soviet monopolization of India's military purchases," the weekly added.

Meanwhile, the *People's Daily* said the responsibility system now in force in China's agricultural production will not be abolished, but many problems "remain to be solved" and Communist Party leadership in the countryside must be strengthened. The current policy of sharing out production tasks and profits between small groups or families, which has boosted production, will be kept, the official daily said in an editorial.

For 'working vacation'

Reagan's Caribbean tour set

WASHINGTON, April 4 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan is flying to Jamaica and Barbados this week for a working vacation, but "to say he is going down to deliver a basket full of goodies would be misleading," a State Department official says.

Reagan will offer nothing beyond the approximately \$300 million in his 1982 budget and 1983 spending proposal for the region, according to administration officials and Caribbean experts.

In what the officials say is the first presidential tour of the two islands, Reagan will visit Jamaica on Wednesday, meet with Prime Minister Edward Seaga in the afternoon and attend a state dinner that evening and on Thursday, he will go to Barbados for meetings with Caribbean leaders and two days of seaside vacation with his wife.

The president's visit to Jamaica is very symbolic, said the State Department official.

who requested anonymity. "The expression of personal interest is so important."

"To say he is going down to deliver a basket full of goodies would be misleading," the official said, "but he is demonstrating a commitment to Jamaica, which has a tradition of democracy."

Asked what was in the trip for the United States, Peter Johnson, executive director of Caribbean Central American Action, put it this way: "A rested and tanned president."

Administration officials took pains to portray the visit as a working vacation. They have said the president's \$350 million Caribbean initiative, intended to boost the local economies in the Caribbean and Central America through increased trade, will be a key topic on the trip. Approximately one-third of the fund is directed at El Salvador across the Caribbean in Central America.

After guerrilla attack

Fear grips Ugandan capital

KAMPALA, April 4 (AP) — For more than a month, anxious relatives have gathered atop a hill here to pray for the lives of their loved ones who were forcibly taken from the church compound hours after a guerrilla attack.

In thousands of other homes in Kampala and its suburbs, there also have been prayers for as many as 7,000 Ugandans rounded up since the Feb. 23 guerrilla attack. Several thousands have been freed, but hundreds have not, and like the 60 taken from the church their fate is still unknown.

President Milton Obote says the guerrillas were trying to overthrow his 16-month-old government, and that the army was trying to track them down. The opposition Democratic Party, church officials and Western diplomats claim, however, that the ill-disciplined army sees any Ugandan living in the Kampala area as a potential guerrilla and is engaged in random killings and massive looting.

In the streets of this once beautiful capital, still scarred by the mass pillage and burning after the overthrow of Idi Amin in April 1979, business has returned to normal. But fear prevails in Kampala by night.

Workers start leaving their offices at 3 p.m., hurrying to get to their homes in the countryside before dark. There is no curfew, but fear turns Kampala into a ghost town by 7:30 p.m.

In the days following the attack, the army conducted what one diplomat described as "search-and-destroy" operations in the area surrounding the cathedral, where the guerrillas had mounted arms. In recent weeks, the army has moved its operations into prime coffee-growing areas northwest of the capital.

The area around Kampala is the economic heartland of Uganda and the home of the Baganda tribe. Obote, who hails from northern Uganda, is hated by most Bagandans, whose kingdom he dismantled in 1967, ending a monarchy that stretched back thousands of years.

Diplomats assessing the guerrilla attack generally agreed that the rebel force performed poorly in attacking the Malin Barracks in central Kampala. For the time being, the consensus is that the number of actual guerrilla fighters — estimated at between 1,000 and 5,000 — is still no match for

Uganda's 10,000 to 15,000 soldiers, 8,000 police, 5,000 special forces and 5,000 militia.

Everyone expects more guerrilla attacks. But few Ugandans talked about a coup or civil war. Diplomats said there is no alternative to Obote because the Democratic Party is too weak and he controls the army, which is composed mainly of northerners.

The government's reaction to the guerrilla attack — the mass arrests and looting — has surprised some Western diplomats, who believe it indicates the government was frightened. There is no official count of people who have died since Feb. 23 but rumors of mass killings abound.

In recent weeks, military trucks have been rolling up to the morgue at Mulago hospital, once the finest teaching institution in east Africa. In a two-week period in mid-March, 23 bodies were dumped there — 11 apparently tortured and 12 killed by gunshots, medical sources said.

Western diplomatic sources showed a visiting journalist photos of four men whose bodies were dumped at the morgue. All had medical tubes protruding from various parts of their bodies and all had been stabbed with bayonets. The diplomatic sources said the men had been dragged from Nsambya and Rubaga hospitals by Ugandan soldiers the day of the guerrilla attack.

Viet stowaway lands in India

NEW DELHI, April 4 (AFP) — A cargo flight from Hanoi landed at New Delhi airport with an unwitting stowaway from Vietnam in the cargo hold, it was learned here Sunday. Nguyen Quoc Geng, a loader at Hanoi airport, was stocking the cargo hold when the airline authorities, unaware of his presence inside, locked the hold and the plane took off Friday.

As he realized the plane was on the move, Geng tried desperately to attract the attention of the crew members, but he had to resign himself to an unplanned 10-hour journey in the company of boxes and packages.

Astonished airport officials in New Delhi who were overseeing the unloading found a dazed and temporarily blinded Geng in the hold when they opened the door and flooded it with light. The Vietnamese loader was being questioned by immigration authorities.

New Zealanders scale Nepal peak

KATHMANDU, Nepal, April 4 (AP) — A five-member New Zealand Himalayan expedition, led by Peter Meinally, of Humeley, conquered the 22,809-foot high Mount Numbur in Nepal on March 29, Nepal's Ministry of Tourism said Sunday.

It was the first conquest of any Himalayan peak during the current pre-monsoon climbing season that started March 1. The season ends May 31.

The ministry said the expedition reached the top of the mountain through the southern ridge after pitching the base camp on March 11 at 15,000 feet.

The 31-year-old team leader has reported it was "very cold and windy" when his team reached the summit in the afternoon of March 29, the ministry said.

It said other members are Robert Hall, 21, of Christchurch; William King, 30, of New Plymouth; Stephen Lassche, 23, of Christchurch; and Charles Tweedie, 27, also of Christchurch. The team had eight members when it pitched the base camp, it added.

In another development, a 12-member Soviet expedition has established camp-two at 24,255 feet in a bid to scale the 29,148-foot high Everest, the base camp reported Sunday.

S. Korean student suspicion led to attack on U.S. center

SEOUL, April 4 (AFP) — Dissident students set fire to the U.S. Cultural Center in Pusan two weeks ago in the belief that United States was behind the brutal suppression of the 1980 anti-government rebellion in Kwangju, an initial police inquiry revealed Sunday.

The mastermind of the attack, Kim Hyun-Jang, managed to convince the arrested arsonists that the U.S. military authorities were stationed in South Korea not to defend democracy but to suppress it, police said.

The 32-year-old Kim went into hiding in a Catholic education center at Wonju, some 90 kms east of Seoul, after taking part in the Kwangju riots which he believed, were a

movement to restore democracy. He reportedly argued that South Korean troops had moved in to suppress the Kwangju rebellion after approval from the U.S. military command here, which maintains operational control over South Korean forces.

A similar arson attack was committed by several Catholic dissidents on the U.S. Cultural Center in riot-torn Kwangju seven months after the rebellion there, which cost some 180 lives.

Meanwhile, police prepared to question Catholic priest Choi Ki-Shik, to find out if he had willfully sheltered, in his center, the fugitive Kim for nearly two weeks.

Mexicans flee volcanic area

PICHUCALCO, Mexico, April 4 (AP) — El Chichonal volcano hurled hot rocks, burning lava and debris for miles Saturday night, injuring at least 12 persons in the biggest eruption since the southeastern Mexico peak turned active last week.

Earth tremors and loud underground rumblings preceded the eruption at 0210 GMT, visible 13 kms in villages near Pichucalco, a poor village later hot volcanic debris pelted the village's huts, most of them built with thatch and flimsy tin.

All those who have cars or trucks are leaving here," said Carmen Carballo, wife of Pichucalco's Mayor Manuel Carballo. She said others were seeking refuge in the municipal hall, built of brick and concrete roofing, where the mayor set up an emergency center.

At Villahermosa, the capital of Tabasco state, 58 km to the north of the volcano, the smoke and volcanic dust was so dense it covered the night sky and the moon stopped being visible.

Rosendo Marrell, the area's Red Cross chief, said at his headquarters in Villahermosa the rain of hot ashes and debris — mostly hot pebbles — was falling over an area where 70,000 persons lived.

Twelve Red Cross ambulances arrived at Villahermosa after the volcano blew, each carrying at least one injured person, drivers told reporters. They refused to give more details and there were no other immediate reports of casualties. Marrell said the Red Cross has set up a radio network throughout the area for the emergency.

BRIEFS

PARIS (AFP) — The French secret service, known by its initials SDECE since it was founded by Gen. De Gaulle in 1946, has been renamed, it was announced Sunday. The "Service de Documentation Extérieure et de Contre-Espionnage" (overseas documentation and counterespionage service) will in future be known as the "Direction Générale de la Sécurité Extérieure" (general management of foreign security — DGSE).

BANGKOK (AP) — The managing editor of Bangkok's *Tawan Siam* newspaper was shot dead Saturday by an unknown assailant, a spokesman of the press labor union of Thailand said. The spokesman said Wandee Thongprapa was slain in his office by a gunman who later escaped on a motorcycle. Police were reportedly investigating the incident.

The motive for the killing was not known. Wandee was known for his tough probes of police corruption.

DAKAR (AFP) — Senegal Sunday feted its 22nd anniversary of independence with a civilian and military parade presided over by President Abdou Diouf at Louga, 200 kms north of here. A Gambian ministerial delegation was present and a unit of Gambia's participated in the parade as part of Senegambia's confederated force.

NEW DELHI (AFP) — Ten persons were killed and 40 injured, 16 of them seriously, when two buses collided along the Basti Ayodhya road, in northern Uttar Pradesh state, Saturday evening. It was reported from Basti said Sunday. All the injured have been admitted to hospital.



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Survey predicts

Population boom spells doom

WASHINGTON, April 4 — Experts say that unless something is done to slow down the rise of population growth the world stands a good chance of finding itself out of house and home within a few more decades.

Soil erosion, the takeover of prime farmland by urban sprawl, pollution and the desertification of parts of the earth's agricultural land are generally recognized as legitimate concerns which should be reckoned with.

The current rate of population growth would put all other threats to the world food supply in the shades the latest analysis issued by the Worldwatch Institute, an independent, non-profit organization.

The report — *Six Steps to a Sustainable Society* — was written by Lester R. Brown, institute president, and an associate, Pamela Shaw.

Biological systems which supply mankind's food and other raw materials forests, grasslands, fisheries and croplands — are deteriorating in much of the world, the report said.

As populations increase, more pressure is put upon those resources to supply the food required to survive.

"Of the various steps needed to put society

on a sustainable path none is more important than bringing population growth to a halt," the report said.

"Indeed, the other initiatives, cropland protection, reforestation and energy conservation — have little chance of success unless we get the brake on population growth."

Recent declines in the fish catch, beef production, forest products and, in Africa, total food production, are dangerous signals," it said.

"The impact of the global economic slowdown will be greatest in those societies where population growth is most rapid," the report said. It adds a fall in economic growth rate to 2 percent per year does not pose any problem in West Germany or Sweden, where population growth has ceased. "Income there would still rise by some 2 percent per year, but it could wreak havoc in Pakistan or Senegal where population is expanding at the rate of 8 percent or more per year."

The report said that a world of more than 10 billion people will entail ruinous environmental stresses.

Instead, it said, some kind of equilibrium might be achieved "by trying to stop population growth at the six billion level by the year 2020" — a difficult but not an impossible

feat.

"To meet this goal: No developing country would have to do anything that at least a few countries have not already done," the report said. "No country would have to reduce its birth rate any more rapidly than Barbados, China, Costa Rica and Indonesia did over the last decade or so."

Last week, a congressional study said the world population — which was about 4.5 billion in 1981 — is expected to grow between 6 billion and 6.5 billion by the turn of the century.

It said improved birth control methods and greater efforts on family planning programs could keep total world population near the lower projected figure.

Almost 92 percent of the projected increase will occur in the less-developed countries and three-quarters of this will come from just 7 countries, the study said at the top of the list are India, China, Brazil, Nigeria, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Mexico.

The Worldwatch report, meanwhile, said the first step in holding the world's population at six billion by 2020 would be to reduce the annual birth rate from its 1980 level of 32 per 1,000 people to 26 per thousand.

Brazil's trade with E. bloc rises

BRASILIA, Brazil, April 4 (AP) — Brazil, which has an anti-Communist government, is doing lucrative business with the Eastern European Communist bloc.

In fact, it is so advantageous to Brazil that authorities are looking for ways to trim trade surpluses with the Soviet Union, Poland, East Germany, Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania and Yugoslavia, to avoid trade friction.

Last year Brazil did \$2 billion worth of trade with the Soviet Union, however, the ratio was 40-1, a situation that has provoked worried comment on Radio Moscow.

Meanwhile, Brazil extended payment deadlines for \$200 million of Polish loans that were coming due late in 1981. It also agreed to let the Polish debt "ride," within a limit of \$1.5 billion.

Arab states urged to invest in Africa

NAIROBI, April 4 (AFP) — Kenyan Assistant Economic Planning and Development Minister Martin Shikuku has urged Arab countries to invest in Africa, and to boost trade and cultural exchanges, the official Kenyan News Agency (KNA) reported here.

Addressing the Kenyan-Arab Friendship Society here, Shikuku warned that developing countries were being taken for a ride by the developed nations in both trade and political matters.

"Developing countries were being fooled by foreign ideologies of being either pro-West or pro-East to create disunity among them, while the two ideological camps — the United States and the Soviet Union — were trading with each other," Shikuku, the society's chairman, said.

Tanker rates remain at poor level

LONDON, April 4 (AFP) — The Gulf states are featured with several fixtures from Kharg Island, but there was little else to report on the tanker market this week.

Rates remained around previous poor levels with the few fixtures out of Kharg failing to command the previous premiums that were paid.

Charterers were holding off while awaiting the outcome of the confrontation between the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and the oil companies, and news of whether crude oil prices will be maintained at present levels or reduced.

Just before the weekend, one American major oil company did enter the market for VLCCs (Very Large Crude Carriers) and ULCCs (Ultra Large Crude Carriers), but negotiations had not started, brokers said.

Elsewhere West Africa was practically ignored, with just one fixture reported. Dirty loadings out of the Mediterranean were few and far between but clean cargoes were quite popular.

To boost development

Peking woos foreign capital

PARIS, April 4 (AFP) — Communist China eagerly to attract foreign capital, advanced technology and managerial skill was strongly emphasized when a Chinese delegation met French bankers, businessmen and industrialists here.

The Chinese team, led by Feng Tianshun, director of the Foreign Investment Department of China's newly created ministry for foreign economic and trade affairs, is touring Europe and Asia to represent an investment promotion meeting scheduled for next June 7-11 at Canton.

Co-sponsored by the Vienna-based United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the meeting is expected to bring together 200 to 300 would-be Western investors and at least an equal number of Chinese officials and enterprise chiefs.

They will be discussing 130 investment projects worth an estimated \$1,650 million in which potential foreign partners would be expected to pump about \$900 million.

Addressing members of the French business community at the headquarters of the National Council of the French Industry (industrial federation), Feng stressed that Peking's policies on foreign investment in China are based on "the principle of equality and mutual benefit" and protection of "the

lawful interests of foreign investors."

Recalling the 1980 Chinese-American investment insurance and guarantee agreement, Feng said similar accords were now being discussed with France, Japan, Sweden and Switzerland. China was prepared to negotiate similar accords and agreements to avoid double taxation with other countries, he said.

He explained what China was doing to create a "more favorable climate" for foreign investments, gave details of existing legislation on joint ventures and industrial cooperation and stressed Peking's "determination" to stick to the "open door policy."

Foreign loan commitments to China since 1979 totaled \$17,390 million, including export credits, public and private loans and funds from the World Bank and other international institutions, the Chinese official said, noting that a large part of these loans had still not been used.

Foreign investment involved in joint ventures, cooperative enterprises and compensation trade totaled \$2,891 million as of last December, Feng added. This included 40 joint ventures involving investment of \$189.20 million, including \$87.5 million by foreign partners, and 390 "contractual joint ventures" drawing on foreign funds totaling \$1,800 million, jointly partnerships.

Weekly commodities

Trading interest in metals suffers setback

LONDON, April 4 (AFP) — As hopes receded of an early recovery in the U.S. economy and American interest rates turned higher, trading interest in commodities this week faded to a minimum particularly among base metals.

But gas-oil remained active as OPEC voiced warning to oil companies not to force Nigeria to lower its crude oil prices.

The situation in Latin America and the South Atlantic were being kept under close watch as were the flashes between Iran and Iraq and the unrest in Israel.

The dollar's firmness on the foreign exchange created fresh difficulties for traders to overcome. Sterling's early fall against the U.S. currency gave support for most markets. But subsequently gold's sharp fluctuations had an unsettling influence.

Rubber moved contrary to the general trend, reaching its highest for six weeks. But cocoa sank to a new nine-month low before rallying.

The change-over to British summer time, with clocks put back an hour last week-end, meant that the U.S. markets were further out of phase, with dealers having to wait longer for price indications from New York and other centers in North America.

GOLD: Erratic. Initially weaker as the dollar strengthened, with little confidence being shown in dealing, prices subsequently rallied in unison with Hong Kong.

But business quietened down ahead of the month and the quarter end and the finish of the fiscal year (March 31). The introduction of a 15 percent tax on the sale of all gold coins also checked trading in this sector as dealers reviewed the changed situation. It is expected to reduce the demand for coins, particularly Kruggerands. Subsequently, bullion prices recovered again with New York.

COPPER: Dull. The market never picked up from early uncertainty following the cut in U.S. producers' prices. The fall in market stocks (down 775 tons to 128,675 tons) and news that Chile's state owned mine, El Teniente, had asked 3,000 of its 10,000 workers to resign to save costs, made little impression. Physical demand was said to be very slack.

THE UNCERTAIN. Having marked time while tin council deliberated on plans to support market prices, news that the council's buffer stock was to be allowed to borrow commercially in order to increase its purchasing power, gave prices a lift. But dealers were not wholly convinced that this would be enough to hold the market steady. The big influential buyer, who so skillfully manipulated prices, may still hold as much as 15,000 tons, which could easily upset the balance achieved by recent heavy buying.

Meanwhile, market stocks fell again

(down 505 tons to 39,700 tons), but a very substantial tonnage was still held in warehouse.

ZINC: Easier. Prices extended their recent decline and sank to their lowest since last June as another producer (Vale Montagne of Belgium) cut its price by \$40 ton. More producers are expected to follow. Stocks rose for the second successive week (up 175 tons to 62,150 tons).

LEAD: Easier. Zinc's sentiment spilled over into this market already affected by the reduction in the U.S. producer (Asarco) selling price. Stocks rose by 3,425 tons to 72,025 tons, the highest since January 1981.

SILVER: Irregular. The market eventually pointed upward after a fluctuating week in unison with gold. Early uncertainty was created by the sharp rise in market stocks (up 2,220,000 ounces to a record 33,720,000 ounces). There were also reports that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) had been "unloading" long positions. Late selling pressure in New York checked the ultimate recovery.

ALUMINIUM: Depressed. Prices fell close to their all-time lows touched last November as stocks continued their steep climb (up 8,325 tons to 199,790 tons).

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Facing tumble in prices

Nigeria hints at OPEC parley

LAGOS, April 4 (AFP) — The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) facing falling oil sales and fearing a possible tumble in world oil prices, will likely meet in Vienna Monday, sources here said Sunday.

Meanwhile, oil experts generally believed that Nigeria would refuse to drop its oil prices and there were reports that Yahya Dikko, Nigeria's special presidential adviser for oil affairs, had left for Vienna.

Western oil companies have reportedly been planning to suspend shipments of Nigerian oil, thereby putting pressure on the country to drop its crude oil prices from \$35.5 a barrel to around \$31, the price Britain charges for North Sea oil of similar quality.

OPEC members — fearing that if Nigeria cuts its price, all oil prices could be forced to drop — have threatened to call an emergency meeting if sliding Nigerian oil production does not return to "normal" levels. There also have been threats of reprisals against companies not buying as much Nigerian oil as their contracts call for.

Nigeria's oil production for March was

reportedly 900,000 barrels a day, down from 1.1 million barrels earlier this year. According to certain information, production has dropped to as little as 600,000 barrels a day. Nigeria is considered the "weak link" in the OPEC chain, and falling oil production has created serious economic problems for the country and seriously drained the national coffers. Ten days ago, Lagos temporarily suspended all imports to the country in a bid to halt the drain.

Some commercial oil companies have refused to pick up oil they have bought from the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation, which accounts for nearly 70 percent of the country's production, and can now only resell at a loss on the spot markets.

If OPEC holds to its strategy of maintaining oil prices levels, "the market should stabilize even if it has to make new lower production levels," the executive said. He said it was obvious that if OPEC wanted to save its prices then its members must cut production by some two million barrels a day. Nigeria will also need loans to help it get during this uncertain period, the official said.

A representative of ELF Nigeria said: "We think that the oil industry still has good days ahead but we must hold until then even if we lose more than \$5 a barrel." He said that in the long term the oil companies should be compensated for such support for Nigeria.

Cuba considering export of labor

WASHINGTON, April 4 (R) — Cuba is considering sending 10,000 workers to cut timber in Soviet Siberia as Havana government wrestles with severe unemployment and other economic problems, according to a U.S. government report released Saturday.

The report said unemployment is growing as the economy could not produce jobs for a rapidly increasing labor force, and the government was considering exporting more workers.

It said that since 1978 Cuba had sent between 15,000 and 20,000 technicians and other workers to Third World countries such as Libya and Iraq under Castro's "optimal solution" plan for dealing with the labor surplus.

UAE cuts alien aid by \$440m

ABU DHABI, April 4 (R) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) will cut foreign aid this year to 1.7 billion dirhams (\$440 million) from a budgeted 3.8 billion dirhams (\$1 billion), Finance Minister Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al-Maktoum has said.

Faced with falling revenue from oil exports, the UAE will limit aid to promises which may be made at summit conferences and pledges already signed, he told the Federal National Council in a budget speech Saturday.

The UAE cut oil output to a million barrels daily from over 1.3 million under an OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) accord last month. It also cut the price of its main crude by more than a dollar a barrel.

Dacca team to attend aid talks in Paris

DACCA, April 4 (AFP) — A ten-member Bangladesh delegation led by an adviser in the new military government will attend the three-day meeting of the Aid Consortium beginning in Paris April 20 to consider Dacca's foreign aid requirement for the next fiscal year beginning July.

The leader of the delegation A.M.A. Muhiith, who was appointed last week as adviser on planning and finance by the chief martial law administrator, Gen. Ershad, is expected to leave Dacca April 10.

Gen. Ershad, 52, who overthrew the government of Justice Abdul Sattar March 24 on charges of corruption and inefficiency, later told foreign correspondents that he would send a high-level team to Paris to negotiate for the country's badly needed foreign assistance before the aid club members.

He also expressed confidence that the change of government in Dacca would not affect the aid flow to Bangladesh and he hoped that the circumstances which compelled his armed forces to take power last month would be understood by the donors.

Muhiith, who retired a few months ago as a senior civil servant with long experience in economic matters, has been assigned the ministries of finance and planning, which are now reportedly busy preparing papers for the Paris meeting.

Suzuki to stress global revival

KYOTO, April 4 (AFP) — Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki said Sunday he hopes to take specific proposals to revitalize the world economy to the summit of seven industrial democracies in Versailles, France, in June.

Suzuki did not elaborate, but told reporters his government was studying what Japan could do about import liberalization for items of interest to the United States and Western Europe.

If import restrictions on these items remained as they were, international criticism against Japan and trade strains would also remain, he added. Suzuki is visiting this ancient capital in western Japan in connection with a gubernatorial election in Kyoto prefecture.

Financial Roundup

Riyal rates stay unchanged

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, April 4 — Sunday trading was reported to have been a quiet and dull affair according to local dealers, with riyal deposit rates remaining pretty much unchanged over Saturday closing levels.

There were little changes in rates, with the one-month JIBOR bid-offer rate trading at 13 1/4-14 1/4 percent and the week-fixed at 13 1/4-13 3/4 percent. The week-fixed was trading at 13 1/4-14 percent levels Thursday, but continued liquidity injections into the economy has ensured that riyal rates remain stable prior to the Rajab budget.

Local dealers were still confident that riyal deposit rates will not rise much higher

in the coming week, whatever might happen to the dollar on the European or New York markets. They based this on the riyal's behavior last week when deposit rates remained relatively stable even in the face of a rising dollar.

In the local exchanges, spot riyal/dollar rates opened at 3.4199-08 levels, but dull trading and lack of interest in dealing pushed the rate down to 3.4195-00 levels by close of business. Local banks continued to report some interest in the French and Japanese currencies with local businessmen taking advantage of these currencies decline in the last week. To open some letters of credit, European dealers were expecting the yen and the French franc to remain weak in the coming few days.

Japanese tune to a space bonanza

TOKYO, April 4 (ONS) — Japan is bidding for world leadership in the vastly profitable business of commercial satellite communications.

While still far behind the U.S. and the Soviet Union in overall space technology, at least two of Japan's big electronics manufacturers expect a financial bonanza from the launching in the next two years of communications and broadcast satellites under the aegis of the government's National Space Development Agency, NASDA.

As the manufacturer of more than 400 earth receiving stations around the world, Nippon Electric Company expects to lead its Japanese rivals in building them for use in Japan as well. So far the country has only 30 earth stations, two of them produced by Nippon Electric for Intelsat, the U.S.-based international telecommunications satellite system, and the rest for meteorological and experimental satellites launched by NASDA or the Japanese Institute of Space and Astronautical Science.

A communications satellite, built largely by Mitsubishi Electric Company, will enable the Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Cor-

poration to link its entire long-distance network by satellite through eight earth stations now under construction by Nippon Electric. In addition, the police, railways, and other government and quasi-government agencies will need earth stations for their own independent systems, all relying on the same satellite.

The real revolution, at least commercially, will begin in 1984 when NASDA launches a broadcast satellite that will enable program of the Japan Broadcasting Corporation, NHK, to reach every home in the nation. Some 500,000 homes now beyond the reach of television broadcasting will each need small earth stations — the precursor of a boom that may see saucer-like earth stations sprouting above homes and office buildings nationwide.

Muscovites fed on tall promises

MOSCOW, April 4 (AFP) — The first of May Labor Day holiday will see Moscow's food shops loaded with fruit, vegetables and meat, in contrast with the current scarcity here of those foodstuffs, the Moscow *Pravda* newspaper reported here.

The newspaper said that a meeting Friday of the Moscow Party Committee, the committee's first secretary, Viktor Grishin, who is also a member of the party presidium, promised that for Labor Day the capital's shops and markets will be generously provided with "meat products, eggs, fish, and butter as well as "vegetables and fruit."

The committee admitted that provisioning in the capital, particularly as regards fruit and vegetables, is "defective" and has taken steps to remedy the situation as soon as possible, the newspaper said.

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U.K. vows

conceivable," the paper said. "But in both cases, the islanders whose cause we are supposed to be protecting would stand to suffer."

The *Observer* commented: "Probably the best that Britain can hope to rescue from this debacle with the help of her friends is a compromise settlement which gives the islanders the best deal available under Argentine sovereignty."

But *The News of the World*, Britain's biggest-selling Sunday paper, declared that "The Falklands must be set free — if not by diplomacy, then by force."

OPEC

pressuring our prices, creating enormous economic and political problems," he said. "Their position toward Nigeria is the best example."

Industry sources in Lagos confirmed last week that some companies had served phase-out notices on Nigeria on their long-term contract. Phase-out notices effectively say to sellers that unless an acceptable price is offered, the deal is off, the analysts said. Oil industry sources in the Gulf said Sunday that all the companies were abiding by the strict letter of their contracts and the key question was whether Nigeria could defend its price. OPEC is pinning its hopes on a pick-up in demand later this year to take pressure off its prices and Oteiba said he expected the market to become balanced and stable within the next few weeks.

Kremlin

now hold the upper hand. If and when the politburo gets down to choosing a Brezhnev successor, analysts say, it might take many days. A kind of "collective leadership" might emerge. Political scientists do not believe the politburo will name one person for all three of Brezhnev's posts: Communist Party general secretary, president and chairman of the defense council.

If Brezhnev is incapacitated, the power struggle could go on for many months, said Dimitri Simeev, a Soviet affairs specialist at Johns Hopkins University.

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Canadian Dollar	—	—	280.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	143.25	143.00	—
Qatari Qatari (100)	129.50	129.20	—
Egyptian Pound	3.40	3.77	—
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.00	93.20	—
French Franc (100)	55.25	55.00	—
Greek Drachma (1,000)	52.50	54.65	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	36.65	—
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Irish Punt	—	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	26.40	26.10	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	14.00	—
Jordanian Dinar	9.83	9.765	—
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.00	11.96	—
Lebanese Lira (100)	69.75	69.55	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	57.00	58.05	—
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	29.65	—
Philippines Peso (100)	—	41.35	—
Pound Sterling	6.17	6.14	—
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.00	94.10	—
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	160.80	—
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	32.15	—
Swiss Franc (100)	177.00	176.85	—
Syrian Lira (100)	57.00	63.50	—
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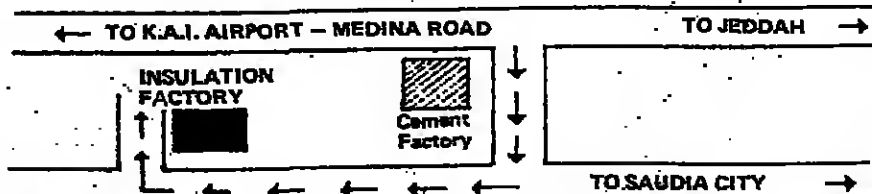
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Presently Alia operates five services weekly between Amman and New York.

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Borg makes it Lendl overwhelms McNamara in final

FRANKFURT, West Germany April 4 (Agencies) — Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia Sunday took just 62 minutes to trounce Australian Peter McNamara 6-2, 6-2 and walk off with the \$50,000 top prize in a \$250,000 Grand Prix Tennis Tournament.

The win was Lendl's seventh in eight tournaments so far this year and his 60th victory in 61 matches played since last September. The 22-year-old Prague resident, whose wins include beating John McEnroe in the Masters tournament in New York, played top tennis to overwhelm McNamara. "Everything went my way," Lendl told reporters.

Peter McNamara trounced American Brian Gottfried 6-0, 6-2 in just 62 minutes Saturday to become the first player through to the final. He was later joined by Lendl with a 6-4, 7-6 victory over fast-improving Chip Hooper of America.

Meanwhile, Bjorn Borg of Sweden reached the end of an unfamiliar ordeal here Sunday, qualifying in play in the \$300,000 Monte Carlo Grand Prix Tennis Tournament by winning his third and final qualifying match.

He scored a 6-3, 6-1 victory over Peru's 21-year-old Pablo Arraya, ranked 89th in the world. This third match in three days was by no means roses all the way for Borg. Arraya gave him more trouble than he should have done, unsettling him with some powerful baseline play. But Arraya never seriously threatened the Swede who dispatched him in just 69 minutes.

Despite five double faults, Borg concentrated better and played with greater regularity. But the real test of his current form, after five months out of competitive tennis, will come, as Borg himself is the first to point out, when he meets players in his own class.

Vitas Gerulaitis qualified Saturday to meet Bill Scanlon in the final of the World Championship Tennis (WCT) Tournament in Zurich.

Gerulaitis, seeded second, defeated eight-seeded Kevin Curren 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3), while fellow-American Scanlon had an easier time winning by default against Pascal Portes. After losing the first set 1-6 Portes retired complaining of a foot injury. Nine aces by Gerulaitis and seven by Curren reflected the closeness of the match. While Curren had only one double-fault, to Gerulaitis' three, Curren's came during the crucial point.

In Nice, Balazs Taroczy of Hungary nut-lasted Yannick Noah of France to win a marathon final of the Nice Open Grand Prix Tournament, 6-2, 3-6, 13-11 here Sunday.

Taroczy qualified with a comfortable 6-2, 6-4 win over Italian Claudio Panatta, the 100th player on the ATP rankings. The Hungarian dominated Panatta from start to finish, moving him at will about the court with the accuracy and power of his baseline shots. Earlier in the day, top seed Noah was made to work hard before defeating Fernando Luna of Spain 6-3, 6-3.

Top-seeded Chris Evert Lloyd rallied to overcome Evonne Goolagong 5-7, 6-1, 6-4 in a semifinal match Saturday night and move into the championship round of the \$200,000 Citizen Cup Women's Tennis Tournament in Palm Beach, Florida.

Earlier Saturday, Andrea Jaeger cruised past Hana Mandlikova 6-1, 6-3 in a 64-minute semifinal in the four-woman event at the PGA National Courts. Lloyd holds a 6-1 career match advantage over the 16-year-old Jaeger. The two will vie for the \$30,000 winner's prize Sunday.

In Greensboro Open Defiant Edwards leads

GREENSBORO, North Carolina April 4 (AP) — Danny Edwards fought his way through howling winds to a round of 72 and established a 3-stroke lead Saturday in the third round of the \$300,000 Greater Greensboro Open Golf tournament.

Edwards, whose only other individual title came in this event five years ago, put together a 54-hole total of 210, six strokes under par for three trips over the 6,984 Yard Forest Oaks Country Club course. "It was just a battle," Edwards said of the winds that gusts to 50 mph (80 kph), bent flag poles almost to the ground and gripped limbs from trees, toppled at least one ticket booth and moved balls on the green.

"You couldn't play the wind," Edwards said. "It was just impossible to play. It was very gusty and inconsistent. You had to play funny shots. You had to play a 4-iron from 130 yards. You had to invest shots that seemed right at the time. You even had to allow for the wind on putts. I saw one, not mine, but one of the guys I was playing with, I saw the wind move his putt two feet off line. All you do is try to play the golf course and keep from getting hurt."

"One of the four or five worst days I've ever seen anywhere," said South Africa's Gary Player, who has spent more than a quarter-century playing all over the world.

"It was not very much fun," said Larry Wadkins, who shared second with Bobby Clampett and Denis Watson at 213. Wadkins, a winner of the tournament playing championship in extremely difficult wind conditions at Sawgrass in 1978, had a one-over-par 73.

"It was very taxing," said Wadkins. "Patience was the name of the game. You just try to keep your wits about you. You have to use a lot of imagination, because you have to play shots you never use and never practice."

Clampett agreed he matched par 72. Watson, a native of Zimbabwe and the second round leader here, shot 76. The group at 214 included Peter Oosterhuis of England, Doug Black, Fuzzy Zoeller and D.A. Weir.

Only two subpar rounds, a pair of 71s, were recorded all day. They were compiled by Jim Booros and Mark Calcavecchia, both of whom where early starters and missed the worst of the wind. A dozen of 75 players shot 80 or more, including an 84 by Hal Sutton, who started the day only two shots out of the lead.

Meanwhile, Hollis Stacy, who faltered briefly in the middle of the third round Saturday, birdied the final two holes for a 1-under-par 71 and a 4-stroke lead in the \$310,000 Nabisco-Dinah Shore Women's Golf Tournament.

Stacy's 54-hole total is 7-under-par 209 heading into the third day of the Ladies Professional Golf Association's richest event. Jan Stephenson of Australia and Joanne Carner were both at 213. Stephenson, playing in her third tournament after coming back from a foot injury shot a 4-under-par 68 and Carner shot 69 over the 6,255-yard, par 72 Mission Hills Country Golf course.

South Africa's Sally Little, with a third-round 71, and Cindy Hill, with a 70, were another stroke behind heading into the final 18 holes. Tournament defending champion Nancy Lopez-Melton carded a 67 to join a group of six players who are six strokes behind Stacy.

Kenyon rallies from brink

BROMLEY, April 4 (AFP) — Phil Kenyon, the British closed champion, caused another upset in the British Open Squash Championships when he beat the sixth seed, Gamal Awad of Egypt 2-9, 7-9, 9-7, 10-8, 9-2 after 132 minutes of enthralling battle here Saturday.

The Egyptian collapsed shortly after leaving the court and was taken to the hospital still unconscious. He regained consciousness and was allowed to leave the hospital after a medical check up. Awad, who had a major kidney operation 18 months ago, had been in signs of a straight games victory, but allowed Kenyon to fight back.

Another British player, Gwain Briars, threatened a second upset of the day when he won the first game against No. 5 seed Maqsood Ahmed of Pakistan. But Maqsood rallied to win 1-9, 9-1, 10-8, 9-3. The women's event witnessed a major upset. Sue Cogswell, three-times runners-up here, crushed out of the competition. The former British national champion was beaten in the third round by unseeded Australian Carin Clonda.

Unlike Kenyon, who drove his tiring opponent ruthlessly from corner to corner, the Egyptian was unable to press home his early advantage. Awad led 7-5 in the third game but squandered unnecessary energy early in the match and could not increase the pace when needed.

Clonda, only 21, beat Cogswell 10-8, 9-10, 9-2, 6-9, 9-7 in a battle of over 80 minutes in which there were 63 lets and penalty points. Neat, quick and ambitious, the young Australian led the 30-year-old Cogswell 5-0 and 7-4 in the final game, but was caught at 7-7 with a typical flurry of brilliant Cogswell winners.

Hiddy Jahan of Pakistan also gained the quarterfinal berth in the men's section with a straight games victory over Egyptian Muhammad Awad 9-7, 9-2, 9-7.

Pak Saudi grabs 34-run win

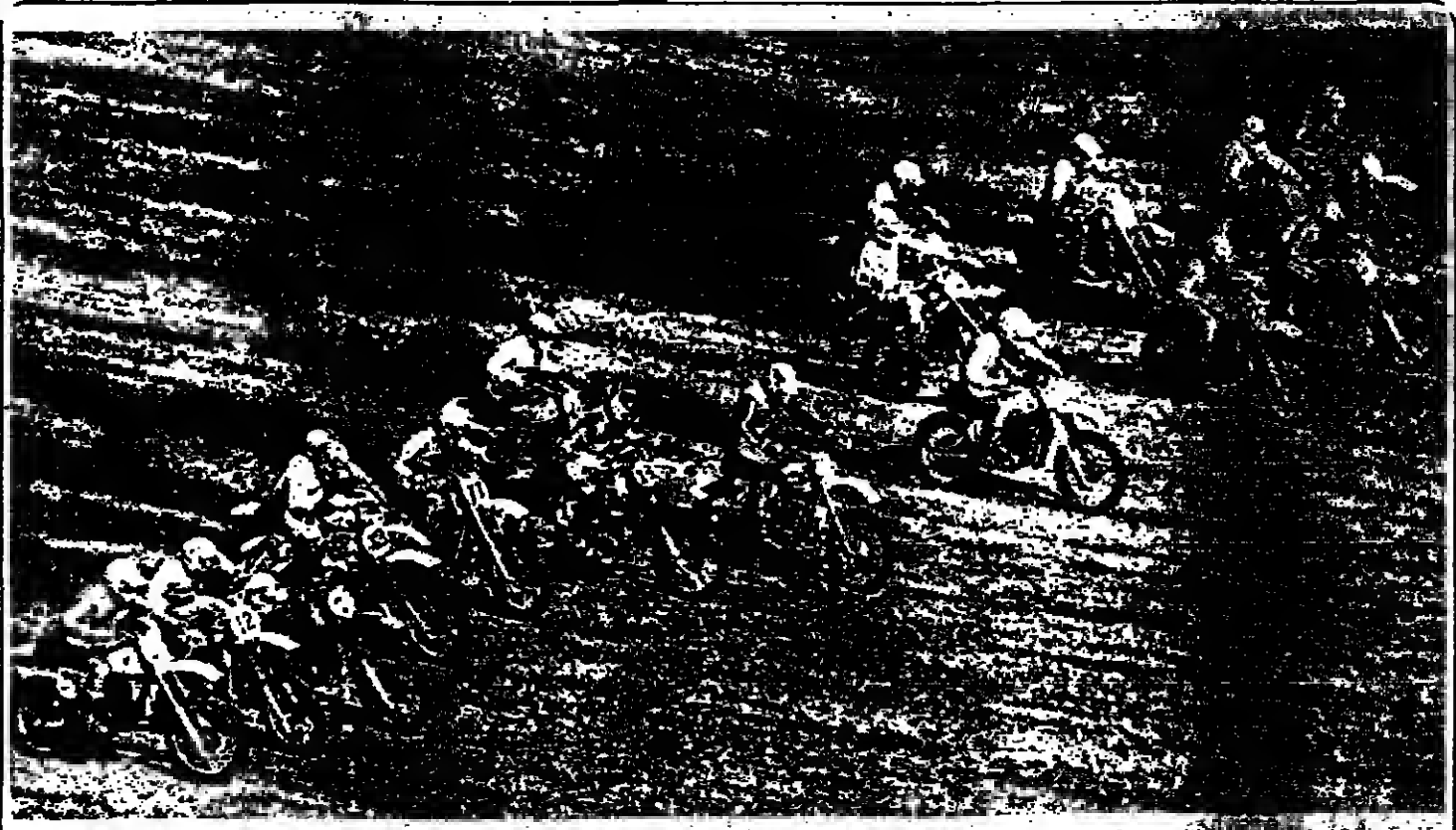
JEDDAH, April 4 — Pak Saudi emerged tops in the battle for top honors in Pool 'B' of the P.S.95 Cricket League last weekend.

For the 34-run verdict over Bank Jazira, Pak Saudi were indebted to three fine performances, Nisar with the willow, and Nasim and Amin with the ball. After putting to take first strike, Nisar cornered the limelight with an unbeaten 91 — sharing in two fruitful partnerships — in his side's total of 199 for seven wickets declared.

The target did not look possible when the Bankmen had Pak Saudi in trouble early. With three wickets back in the pavilion for a mere 39 runs on the board, Nisar took things in his hands. He and Zaki (18) steadied the innings with methodical play for a 59 runs fourth-wicket stand, and added a valuable 45 for the sixth with Khalil (15).

Nisar was the dominant partner in both the associations. But the final touches were added to an already blooming innings by Per vaiz. Per vaiz strode in and took the bowling apart for a quick unbeaten 33 just before the stroke of lunch. The two however, could not carry on their merry association after the break for the closure was applied at the lunch total of 199 for seven.

The Bankmen got off to a sedate start with



GET SET, GO: Motorcross, one of the most thrilling sports, which starts on the flat and goes along rough terrain with jumps, hills and dips is growing in popularity at a rapid pace. Seen above are the motorcyclists making a mad dash at the start of the event at the famous Daytona speedway track in Florida.

For World Cup Soccer Squabbles hinder Austrian buildup

VIENNA, April 4 (AP) — The Austrian national soccer team has been pre-occupied with debates over coaching and league structure at a time when other national teams around the world are stepping up their preparations for the World Cup in Spain.

Officials and players were optimistic about Austria's draw in Spain. But some observers say a drawn-out controversy over who will coach the Austrian team and other disputes may be deterring the team from its buildup for the first round of the tournament.

Karl Stotz, the experienced team chief who won Austria a berth in Spain, was fired by Austrian Soccer Federation President Karl Sakanina last December. The dismissal, without prior notice, came in the wake of a series of embarrassing exchanges, misunderstandings and abortive negotiations. Stotz's case is now in the courts.

Stotz's assistant, soft-spoken Georg Schmidt, 55, was named to lead team preparations. But before that, there was more embarrassment over whether Austrian Ernst Happel, now training Hamburger SV in Germany, could become the Austrian national coach.

Happel was considered a sure bet, but when Austria and West Germany were drawn in the same group in Spain, German soccer officials reminded the Austrians of a prior agreement. The Austrians had agreed not to use Happel if the two teams were in the same group, since the German lineup was sure to include players of Happel's own club.

After a confusing series of announcements and denials, Happel was finally out. And made way for Helmut Senekowitsch, who coached the Austrian team that played in the 1978 World Cup in Argentina. In four different coaching assignments since then Senekowitsch has been out of luck. The coaching problem, unique among the teams competing in Spain, was out the end of the troubles.

Austrian newspapers have been full of caustic remarks on plans to expand the ten-team Austrian First Division to 16 clubs. The league committee, including mostly officials from provincial clubs, voted overwhelmingly in favor of expansion. Only two clubs, Vienna Austria and Austria of Salzburg were totally against the plan. Critics say it will further dilute the shrinking standards of Austrian soccer.

Schmidt's assistant with the national team will be Felix Latzke, 40, trainer of First Division team Admira. Schmidt, who has been assistant trainer since 1970, and Latzke are rated as good professionals. But Austrian newspapers have said Schmidt is working on a travel schedule that does not allow him to stay in contact with his players.

Schmidt has been less than talkative since his appointment, but Latzke is more ambitious and more outspoken. He said he hopes to take over as No. 1 team chief after the World Cup.

Latzke had some plain language for Austria's players. "In international matches our good players sometimes stand around like meek lambs," he said. "It sounds harsh, but they must also scratch, bite and spit. That's part of the game today."

Compared to other teams, the Austrians' warmup schedule is way behind and modest. It is also hampered by the absence of men playing for foreign clubs. They have not been released to come to Austria for special warmup matches and training.

Except for the Austrians playing abroad, the squad of players met for the first time in February. Warmup games were scheduled against Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Denmark.

Vandals fuel collapse of Dutch club

THE HAGUE, Netherlands April 4 (AP) — Dutch Honor Division club FC Den Haag faces an abrupt end to its ten-year existence in professional soccer after a fire destroyed a major part of Den Haag's accommodations Saturday night.

According to the club and the Hague police spokesmen the fire was set by vandals after the club's 4-0 loss to Haarlem in competition play. Earlier in the evening most of the windows of the executive building were broken.

Club secretary Fred Van Hall estimated total damage to stands, buildings and light installation at some 1.25 million guilders.

Van Hall said Sunday that the club executive and various sponsors will meet Monday evening to consider whether to continue in professional soccer.

Meanwhile, the clubs scheduled competition match against FC Groningen Tuesday has been canceled. On November 22 1981 the match between Den Haag-FC Utrecht was stopped after 40 minutes play when two firebombs were thrown onto the field. Two boys and one girl, all in their teens, were arrested shortly and convicted.

The FC Den Haag was founded on July 1, 1971 after the amalgamation of ADO and Holland Sport.

To retain WBA crown Tokashiki gains split decision

TOKYO, April 4 (AP) — Katsuo Tokashiki of Japan kept his World Boxing Association (WBA) Junior flyweight title Sunday night, scoring a split decision over Mexican challenger Lupe Madera in a slug-fest contest.

There were no knockdowns in the 15-round championship bout held at Miyagi Prefecture (state) Sports Center in northern Japan where Tokashiki won the title from South Korea's Kim-Hwa Jin last Dec. 16 by points. It was the champion's first title defense and the challenger's first shot at a world boxing title in 45 professional fights.

South Africa's referee Stanley Christodou scored the fight 145-143 for the champion and American judge Eva Shain had it 144-142, for the champion while Panama's judge Rodolfo Hill called it 146-142 for the challenger.

Madera, who was favored to beat the champion, and Tokashiki both entered the ring at 107 3/4 pounds (48.8 kilograms). Some of the spectators were surprised when the decision was announced in favor of champion. They thought the Mexican had won the decision because he was the aggressor most of the time, hitting the champion with good lefts and rights to the body and head.

The 29-year-old Mexican was in trouble in the sixth and seventh rounds when the champion caught him with straight rights and lefts to the head. After a slow first round, Madera became aggressive and took command of the fight. He landed a series of right and left hooks to Tokashiki's face and body. The 152 centimeters (60.8 inches) tall Mexican continued hitting the Japanese with a flurry of rights and lefts and lefts throughout the next four rounds.

In the sixth round, Tokashiki came to life and started to go after the Mexican with his long left jab. For Tokashiki, it was his 15th victory against one defeat and one draw. Madera now has a record of 33 victories against two losses and one draw. The Mexican has won 23 by knockouts.

Meanwhile, Indian boxers had a field day Saturday, producing four quarterfinalists out of five in the King's Cup Amateur Boxing Championships, in Bangkok. They placed two winners in the flyweight division and both of their boxers triumphed in the heavyweight class.

Brij Mohan registered a split win over Steen Henningsen of Denmark and Kaur Singh defeated Kenya's Raphael Sinto in a brawling encounter which saw the judges divided in their verdicts. Three favored the Indian and two the Kenyan.

The Indian flyweight winners were B.S. Tripathi, who beat Diosdado Mares of the Philippines and Amal Dass, who was the victor over Japan's Mitsuhiro Mori. Seventeen nations with 23 teams are taking part in the nine-day competition. Trophies will be awarded for both the best boxer and the top team.

After a lapse of 31 years De Cesaris steers Alfa Romeo to pole spot

LONG BEACH, California, April 4 (AP) — Twenty-two-year-old Andrea De Cesaris of Italy Saturday drove an Alfa Romeo to the pole position for the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach, the first time the Italian team has been in the top spot for a Formula One race since 1951.

De Cesaris, who never has held a pole position or won a Grand Prix in 19 previous races, trailed two-time world champion Niki Lauda of Austria and Frenchman Rene Arnoux and Alain Prost until his last lap around the twisting 2.13-mile (3.43 km) circuit through the streets of downtown Long Beach.

His fast time of 87.819 mph (141.33 kph) knocked Lauda into the second spot on the 26-car grid for Sunday. The dark, handsome De Cesaris burst into tears moments following the checkered flag at the end of the qualifying session.

"I was clam when I came in," De Cesaris said. "But, when I saw all my mechanics and the other people on the team running toward me so excited, I started crying. It was wonderful." He said he knew the last lap was faster than he had turned before because "I wasn't overtaking anybody. I had a clear track and I just felt it was going to be real quick." Lauda, who is in his third race since coming out of a two-year retirement, piloted a McLaren to a fast lap of 87.698 mph (141.13 kph) midway through the last of two hours of qualifying.

Renault teammates Arnoux and Prost, both driving turbo-charged cars that have in the past been at a disadvantage on a tight, twisting course like Long Beach, wound up third and fourth, respectively. Arnoux's top lap was 87.371 mph (140.61 kph), while Prost turned in a 87.157 mph (140.26 kph).

Bruno Giacomini of Italy, De Cesaris' teammate, was fifth at 87.050 mph (140.10 kph), followed by defending world champion Nelson Piquet of Brazil at 86.864 mph (139.80 kph). But Piquet who won here in 1980 and holds virtually every race qualifying record — crashed with about 20 minutes left for all time trials. He was not injured, but his Brabham car suffered extensive damage to the front side and may not be able to drive it Sunday.

Since the Brabham team did not bring a backup car Piquet may wind up starting the race in the car of teammate Riccardo Patrese of Italy, who qualified his car 18th. Keke Rosberg of Finland, who had given the Saudia-Williams racer the provisional pole in Friday's qualifying race had banding problems and was unable to improve on his previous high of 86.570 mph (139.32 kph). He has the eighth position, next is Canadian Gilles Villeneuve, who put his turbo-charged Ferrari on the inside of the fourth row with a time of 86.667 mph (139.47).

Mario Andretti, coming out of a brief Formula One retirement for this one race for the Williams team, managed to move up to the 14th spot on the grid. The American driver, a former world champion, had a fast lap of 85.706 mph (137.93 kph).

Kuwait bags title despite being beaten

By a Staff Writer

ABU DHABI, April 4 — Qatar stole a thunder on the concluding day of the Gulf Soccer Championship when they upset World Cup finalists Kuwait 2-1 Sunday.

Despite the defeat, the first between the two teams, Kuwait walked away with the trophy for the fifth time having aggregated eight points from their five outings. Qatar with four points finished fifth.

The match played at a fairly even pace, saw Qatar, hold a slight edge over their strong opponents and logically shot ahead in the 39th minute through Khaled Suliman who made the best after the rival goalkeeper and parried a stiff Abdul Hakim Khalifa shot.

But the switch of ends, saw Kuwait restore parity through Nasser al-Ghanem, who receiving the ball, on a platter so to say, inside the box found the mark.

But Qatar, were not to be denied victory on this day and in the 40th minute, following a flag kick a melee ensued and Hassan Ghadi bashed the ball home.

Despite the setback, and with few minutes to go, Kuwait did not throw in the towel. They fought gamely and once again came very near snatching a point when Abdul al-Anbari took a stinging shot that had a goal look all the way, but the rival goalkeeper, brought off a sparkling save at the expense of being injured. And with that evaporated Kuwait's chances of finishing the sixth championship on a clean slate.

How they finished

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Kuwait	5	4	0	1	8
U.A.E.	5	3	1	1	7
Qatar	5	3	0	2	6
S. Arabia	5	2	1	2	5
Oman	5	2	0	3	4

Hawks glide past Bullets

NEW YORK, April 4 (AP) — Washington Bullets' chances of gaining a playoff berth in the National Basketball Association suffered a blow Saturday night.

Though the Bullets tried to make up for the poor start against the Atlanta Hawks, the 18-point first quarter deficit proved too much to bridge against an agile Hawks and they were beaten 106-101. Dan Roundfield scored 33 points and John Drew added 25 to lead Atlanta past Washington.

In the other match, Detroit Pistons kept their NBA playoff hopes alive by defeating the Indiana Pacers 105-102. John Long led the Pistons' charge with 25 points and Kent Benson added 10 as Detroit took a commanding 12-point first quarter lead.

The Pistons went in for the interval ahead by 13 points. But a third period surge by the Pacers cut the lead to four points and the teams fought out a close final period. The Pacers could reduce just another point before the buzzer.

Sabres chalk out narrow victory

NEW YORK, April 4 (AP) — Buffalo Sabres just managed to scrape past the Montreal Canadiens in the National Hockey League Saturday night.

In an action-packed last period, Andre Savard netted the Sabres' fifth goal, which proved to be the match-winner, with 20 seconds left and saw his side through with a 5-4 victory.

The Los Angeles Kings suffered a blank out in their home match against the Vancouver Canucks. The Canucks were led by two goals by Audrey Roda in their 6-0 shut out of the Kings, while extending their unbeaten streak to eight straight games.

Meanwhile, Bryan Trottier's 15th goal of the season sparked a three-goal second-period outburst by the New York Islanders, who beat the Philadelphia Flyers 6-3. In other matches, Hartford Whalers tied New York Rangers 3-3, Colorado Rockies downed the Calgary Flames 3-1, and the Chicago Black Hawks routed the St. Louis Blues 7-4.

Springboks upset

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa, April 4 (R) — Hugo Porta scored all the South American Jaguars' points in a 21-12 Rugby Union victory over the mighty South African Springboks here Saturday.

Porta captained a team made up solely of Argentines who tackled and battled their way to a first South American victory on foreign soil in an official rugby test. The Jaguars were a changed side from the team which lost 50-18 to the Springboks in the first test last Saturday. Apart from Porta, their outstanding players were the two flankers, Ernesto Ure and Jorge Allen. By comparison, the Springboks lacked the sparkle which enabled them to steamroller the Jaguars last week. Springboks skipper Wynand Claassen again had a storming game, but most of the other forwards looked lethargic.

Soccer results

	West German		
Arminia Bielefeld	3	Eintracht Frankfurt	0
Moscow Dynamo	1	Hamburg SV	3
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Eintracht Frankfurt	1	FC Cologne	1
Fortuna Dusseldorf	1	Eintracht Braunschweig	1
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VfB Stuttgart	4	MSV Duisburg	1
Werder Bremen	0	FC Kaiserslautern	1
VfL Bochum	3	Karlsruhe SC	1
	France		
Marseille	2	Lille	0
St. Etienne	1	Montpellier	0
Bordeaux	3	Sedan	1
Nantes	4	St. Germain	0
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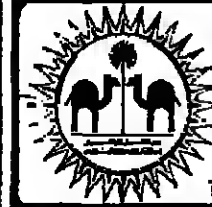
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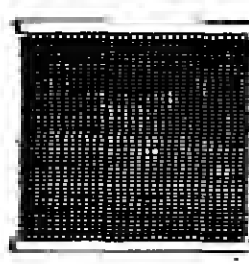
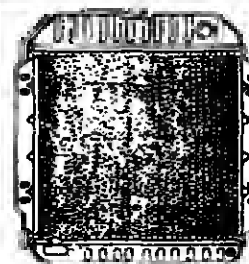
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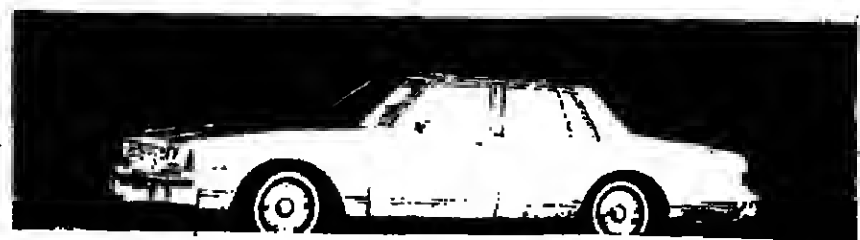
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Gromyko arrives for Belgrade talks

BELGRADE, April 4 (AP) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko arrived here Sunday for a two-day official visit which will include talks with Yugoslav Communist leaders on major international issues and bilateral ties.

Gromyko, the first top-ranking Soviet leader to visit nonaligned Yugoslavia since the death of President Josip Broz Tito in May 1980, was welcomed at the Belgrade airport by Yugoslav Foreign Minister Josip Vrhovc. Yugoslav leaders are expected to underline their independent line in international and domestic policies as well as within the world Communist movement during the talks, officials said.

Differences between Moscow and Belgrade on issues such as Indochina, Afghanistan, Poland and ideological disputes in the international Communist movement would

Cyprus talks said positive

ROME, April 4 (AP) — Cyprus President Spyros Kyprianou and United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar on Sunday described their talks on the stalemate Cyprus issue as "constructive and positive" and agreed to meet again in mid-June.

At the end of a one-hour meeting here, Kyprianou and Perez de Cuellar expressed hope in "positive results" of negotiations aimed at solving the problems between the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities.

Perez de Cuellar told reporters "all aspects of the problem" were examined during the meeting, but declined to comment directly on international initiatives for the demilitarization of the divided island.

Kyprianou said the meeting "opened the basic for accelerated talks toward a just solution" of his country's problem.

He said Perez de Cuellar agreed to meet again on the Cyprus question next June in New York, during a U.N. sponsored conference on disarmament.

come up during the talks, but neither side wanted to bring these into the open, they said. This approach was reflected in brief airport statements by Gromyko and Vrhovc.

Gromyko said Soviet-Yugoslav relations were good, but that since he had not been to Belgrade for a long time, the two sides had agreed to discuss international and bilateral issues in the interest of their further development. He said the two sides had identical views on questions of world peace, detente and the need to stop the arms race.

"Of course, there are questions on which the two sides would give each other their views. We do not want to prejudice items which would come up during the talks," Gromyko added. Vrhovc said bilateral and international issues and the development of Yugoslav-Soviet relations would be discussed during Gromyko's visit.

"It is an important dialogue which manifests both sides' desire to continue their friendly relations based on the principles of equality, independence and mutual respect," Vrhovc said.

Gromyko's visit also comes amid increasing concern in Belgrade over Yugoslavia's economic dependence on trade with the Soviet Union and the East-bloc economic community (Comecon), and dismay over Soviet moves to reduce oil exports to Yugoslavia.

The interest which Gromyko's visit has aroused here is attributable to several factors including renewed speculation on the health of Brezhnev and other Kremlin leaders, and the recent death of Kremlin ideologist Mikhail Suslov — an outspoken critic of Yugoslavia's independent version of communism. They have also welcomed the visit to counterbalance that of U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig last September.

Although politically no big surprises were expected from Gromyko's trip, more than usual emphasis is likely to be given to economic relations. At present one-third of Yugoslav exports goes to the Soviet Union, and more than half to Comecon members. There is concern here over the long-term political consequences of this dependence on the Soviet market.



TORNADO HAVOC: A resident of the northeastern town of Paris in Texas traces her pet dog Sunday after the tornado struck the town killing eight persons and injuring 150. The killer tornado caused heavy damage to property throughout the midwestern states of Texas and Arkansas Friday.

Top army officers alert world on N-catastrophe

CAMBRIDGE, England, April 4 (R) — Three senior military men from the United States, the Soviet Union and Britain have thrown their weight behind an international campaign by doctors to alert the world to the threat of nuclear catastrophe.

American Adm. Noel Gayler, Soviet Gen. Mikhail Milstein and British Field Marshal Lord Carver, speaking at a conference of 200 doctors and scientists from 35 countries in Cambridge this weekend, condemned the proposition that nuclear war between the superpowers could be limited to military targets or the European theater.

Adm. Gayler, former commander in chief of U.S. forces in the Pacific, won applause when he said it was nuclear weapons, not the Soviet Union or the United States, that were the enemy. "We have got to join together to

get rid of them," he said. Lord Carver, former chief of the British Defense Staff, said he opposed the total abolition of nuclear weapons. He believed that a small nuclear retaliatory force combined with improved conventional forces was essential to both sides.

But he said: "It would be criminally irresponsible for anyone to initiate nuclear war in the belief that it would remain limited." Gen. Milstein, faculty head of the Soviet Academy of General Staff, said his country did not believe a nuclear exchange could be limited. "Those who start a nuclear war in the hope of winning would start a holocaust and would perish in it," he said.

The conference was the second organized by International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, a group founded by a small number of Soviet and American doctors in 1980. One of the founders, Bernard Lown, professor of cardiology at Harvard School of Public Health, said the age of nuclear deterrence was drawing to an end.

Moi condemns Israeli killings

NAIROBI, Kenya, April 4 (AP) — President Daniel Arap Moi, current chairman of the Organization of African Unity, condemned Israel Sunday for "indiscriminate killings and attacks" on unarmed Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza strip.

Moi called the recent attacks by Israeli troops on the Palestinians "a gross violation of human rights" and "a violation of international law." The decision by Israel to extend civilian administration to the occupied territories sets a bad precedent and only serves to frustrate further the search for a peaceful settlement of the Middle East problem.

Moi's statement was released by the Foreign Minister and was carried by the official Kenya News Agency. Moi said Africa's position is "clear and unequivocal" in its support for a Palestinian homeland.

For more than two weeks, there have been disturbances on the West Bank over Israel's removal from office of militant Arab mayors who support the Palestine Liberation Organization. At least five Arabs and an Israeli sergeant have been killed in the fighting and many shops in the territories have remained closed.

100 Islamic mayors to meet in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, April 4 (AFP) — Over one hundred mayors from Islamic countries have confirmed their participation at the Islamic mayors' conference commencing here Thursday.

The secretary-general of the 40-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), Habib Chatti, will be among the participants who start arriving Monday, chief coordinator and mayor of Islamabad, Syed Ali Nawaz Ardezi, said Sunday.

The three-day conference, a two-yearly feature, is being held to discuss civic matters relating to pollution, modernization of Islamic capitals and improving life in big cities, he said. The last such conference was held in Makkah and the upcoming meeting will review the progress made on the decisions taken there.

IRA kills 'informer'

BELFAST, April 4 (AFP) — The Provisional Irish Republican Army Sunday claimed responsibility for the killing of a man whose body was discovered Saturday night here in a Catholic neighborhood. In a communique, the IRA said the man had been "a police informer." Meanwhile, the police announced that two youths were shot in the legs Saturday night here, habitually an IRA "punishment."

Fraser faces challenge to leadership

SYDNEY, April 4 (R) — Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser seems certain to face the greatest challenge ever to his leadership after the opposition Labor Party swept to power in an election in the southern state of Victoria Saturday. Labor gained at least 13 seats and was certain of a comfortable majority in the 81-member state legislative assembly. The swing in its favor was more than twice the two percent required for victory.

The result in Victoria, Fraser's home state and the stronghold of his Liberal Party which had controlled the assembly for the past 27 years, was a major setback for the party and the prime minister himself.

Political analysts said Andrew Peacock, a former foreign affairs and industrial relations minister, was now virtually certain to challenge Fraser for the party leadership. Peacock, 43, known as the "Sulamp-Kid" because of his perennial tan, resigned from Fraser's government a year ago and had been waiting for the right opportunity to make his bid for power.

Commentators agreed that Peacock would lose credibility if he failed to exploit the opportunity provided by the disastrous showing of the Liberals in Victoria. His challenge is expected to come April 21 when the 81 Liberal members of parliament meet for the first time after the recess.

State elections are normally fought on local issues, analysts said. Victoria's 2.5 million voters had registered deep dissatisfaction over national economic problems like high interest rates and rising unemployment and inflation. Fraser, in a comment on the result apparently aimed at stifling turmoil within his party, said the federal government must now provide stable national government.

He refused to confirm or deny in a television interview there would be a challenge for the leadership. But he said public dissatisfaction with the National Country Party — was not confined to Victoria and he called for policies to be re-examined after the setback.

Italians protest missiles

COMISCO, Sicily, April 4 (AFP) — Several thousand Italian and foreign anti-nuclear activists demonstrated here Sunday against the NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) plan to station 112 Cruise medium-range missiles in the region. Work on constructing the missile base begins next week.

Most of the Italian demonstrators were supporters of the Communist Party, but foreign delegations represented a wider political spectrum. There were several groups from Arab countries, including Libya, which considers installation of the Cruise missiles as a hostile act against the country.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al-Khazen

We look at the state of our politics in the Arab world and think we must've reached rock bottom. But the following report from the *Fiji Times* shows us that there's still somewhere to go for the downward curve:

"Parliament yesterday heard an allegation that the Western United Front, led by independent member Ratu Osea Gadivi, was using 'voodooism' to attract support in the western division. The minister of state for information, Mr. Solomon Momoivalu, made the allegation when the House resumed debate yesterday afternoon on the budget."

"Mr. Momoivalu said there was a new breed of leadership 'looming' in the west, in the form of the Western United Front — and he wanted to issue a warning for the unwary. 'It seems voodoo is being employed, and I would say with some success,' he said."

"The Tui Nadi Alliance, backbencher Ratu Napolioni Dawai interjected: 'What's it got to do with you?'"

"National Federation Party member Mr. Vijay Panmanandan raised a point of order saying there was an allegation of voodooism against a political party and since Mr. Momoivalu was 'only guessing' he could be misleading the House."

"WUF leader Ratu Osea, who arrived late, said he wanted Mr. Momoivalu to repeat what he had said earlier."

"Continuing his address before Ratu Osea's arrival, Mr. Momoivalu said the 'voodooism' reminded him of tactics used by the Fijian Nationalist Party in the Yasawas before the April 1977 elections."

"He said the party purportedly tried to invite the snake gods of the Yasawas to bless their party and who they thought their future Prime Minister would be."

Translated from Ashary Al-Awsai

Poles see danger in freedom curbs

WARSAW, April 4 (AFP) — An unprecedented warning about the "dangers of restraining democracy more than necessary" emerged during a two-day conference here of the Polish Communist Party leadership, it was reported here Sunday.

The official news agency PAP said the debates, held Friday and Saturday to explore ideological concerns, were "open" and "not lacking controversy." It was the first such conference in the party's history.

Discussions of Polish martial law restrictions led to comments that "there is still a danger of restraining democracy beyond all essential and understandable necessity," PAP said. Observers saw this as pointing to a continued lack of cohesion within the party.

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Bahrein	18	64	26	78	clear	Montreal	-8	18
Bangkok	28	82	35	95	clear	Washington	4	39
Beirut	12	63	21	70	rain	New Delhi	17	63
Berlin	5	41	16	61	clear	New York	6	43
Brussels	4	39	16	61	clear	Nicosia	17	62
Buenos Aires	11	64	21	69	rain	Oalo	2	36
Cairo	20	68	28	82	clear	Paris	8	46
Caracas	19	66	28	81	cloudy	Rio de Janeiro	18	64
Chicago	1	32	3	38	cloudy	Rome	6	43
Copenhagen	1	30	10	50	clear	San Francisco	10	51
Dublin	5	41	12	54	clear	Seoul	7	45
Frankfurt	5	36	14	57	clear	Singapore	24	75
Geneva	5	41	13	55	clear	Stockholm	2	36
Helsinki	1	34	10	50	clear	Sydney	19	66
Hong Kong	16	61	17	63	cloudy	Taipei	14	57
Jakarta	23	73	32	90	cloudy	Tokyo	6	45
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	32	90	rain	Toronto	3	37
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Also, council of Ministers' decision No. 377 dated 18/4/1398 H., which clearly compels all firms with government contracts to buy domestic products, listed by Ministry of Industry and Electricity - companies are not permitted to import similar to those contained in the aforementioned list.

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